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NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE  
CONGREGATION OF PRIESTS OF  
SAINT BASIL — COLLECTED BY  
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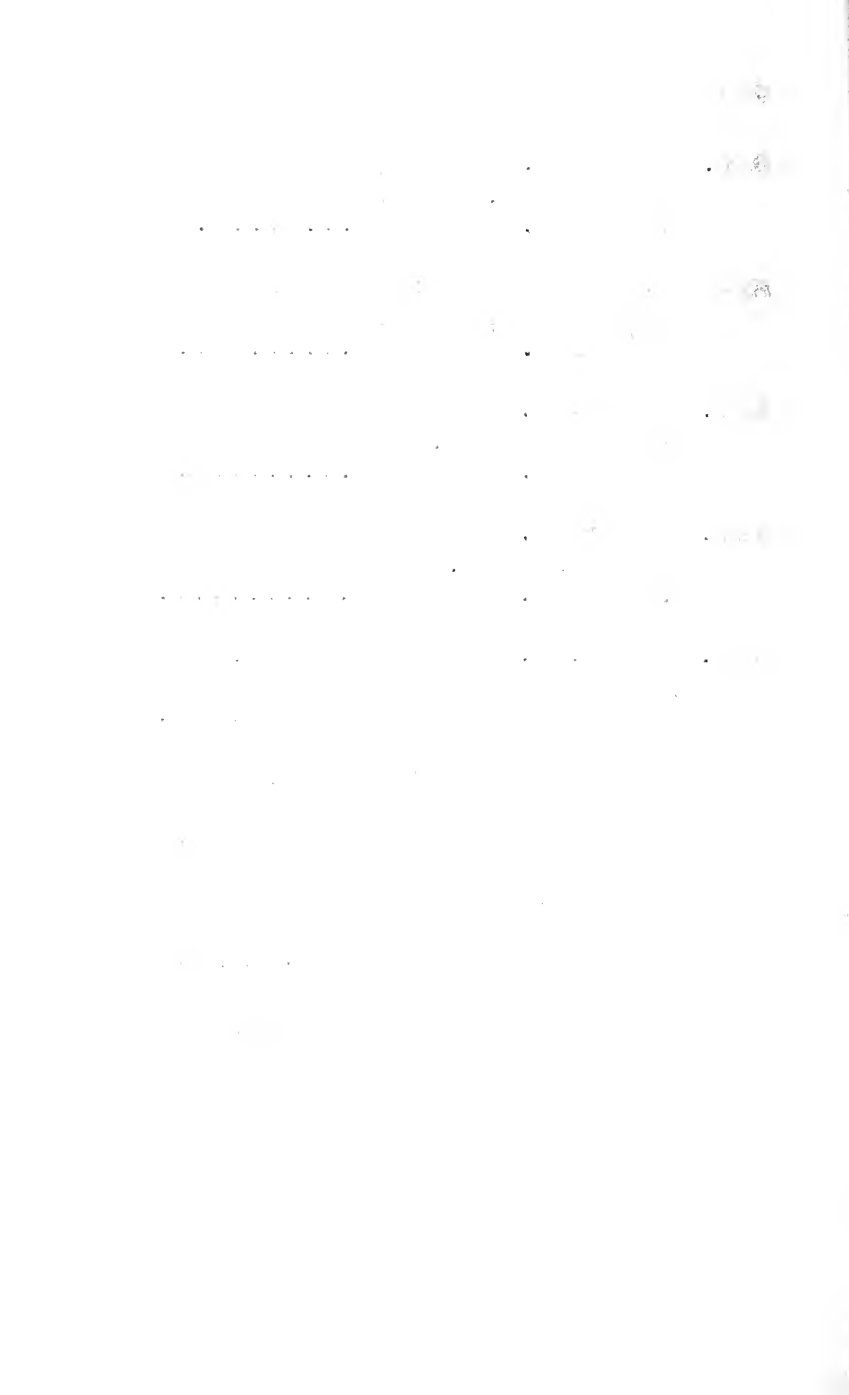
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Rev. John A. Martin  
May 31, 1938

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St. Alexis Hospital  
Broadway and McBride  
Cleveland, Ohio  
May 31/38.

The Rev. Fr. Superior C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto  
Can.

Rev and dear Father —

The undersigned has been requested by Father Ruffing, pastor of St. Louis Church, Louisville, Ohio (Diocese of Cleveland) to get up an historical sketch of parish preparatory to a centennial (of first resident pastor). Fr. Hoffer, pastor 1861-1897, built a College bldg. in 1866, in charge of seculars for a year or two.

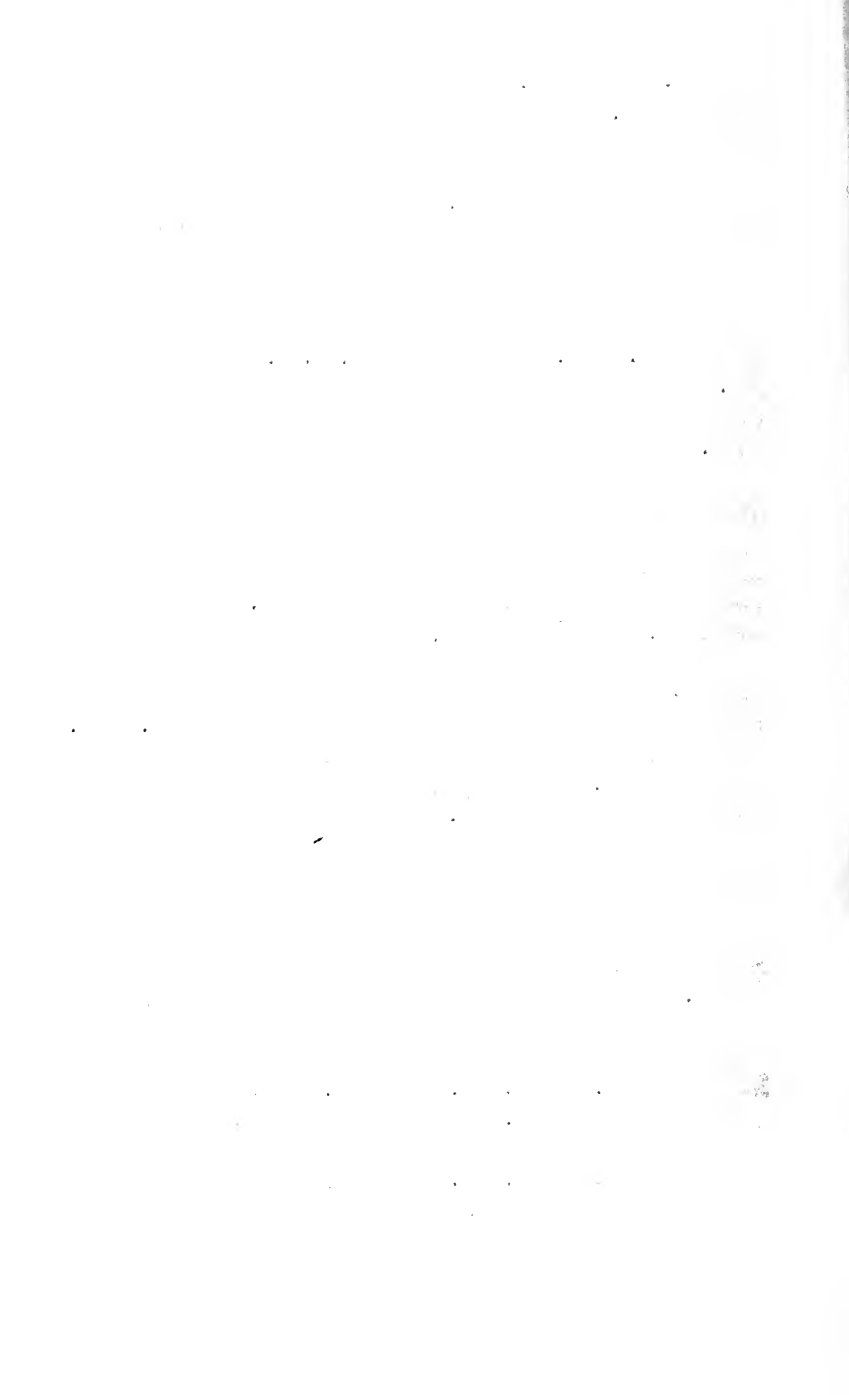
In 1867 the Basilians took charge of it, and had it for about 6 or 7 years.

The Cath. Directory for 1868 lists:  
Pres. Father Howe, 6 other fathers,  
(names not given)

1871 Supr. Rev. M. Hours. No. of professors 6. Students, 28.

1872 Supr. Rev. M. Hours, Professors 6, Students 28.

Our knowledge of this place, it was a



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May 31, 1938

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preparatory seminary, is very meagre. Can you find on your records any material that I can insert in my sketch?

One interesting account I find. Francis Walsh (Basilian I believe) was ordained in Louisville by Bishop Rappe. Possibly this is only ordination in Louisville. Can you find anything about Father Walsh, where he studied theology, & why he was ordained in Louisville. I have no written statement, but have heard many times that it was thought that Louisville at one time was to be a Bishop's See.

On June 18/69 and Oct 1869, we find that John J. Aboulin, Basilian, baptized.

After College was closed, the students were sent to Cincinnati for preparatory studies. The Theol. Seminary in Cleveland goes back to the fifties.

The Louisville College later became an Orphan Asylum.

Any information, detailed as your time permits, will be greatly appreciated. Would like to have it before July 1st, anyhow.

Sincerely,

Rev. John A. Martin





Rev. John A. Martin  
May 31, 1938

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NOTE. Are Howe and Hours two different men or a mistake in spelling of same man?

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Rev. John A. Martin  
June 20, 1938

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St. Alexis Hospital  
Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.  
June 20/38

The Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Canada.

Rev. & dear Sir —

I am in receipt of your letter of June 2, in which you promise some data on Frs. Walsh, Hours and Aboulin, who were at Louisville, Ohio, in the 60's and 70's. When may I expect to hear from you? I showed your letter to the assistant at Louisville, O., on retreat this month. He will get you a picture of College.

In reference to what date Fr. Walsh was ordained, I don't know what I can find, but will let you know later.

Our available data on College is meagre. That was why I was writing to you folks.

Thanking you for what you can find.

Sincerely

Rev. John A. Martin.

As I wrote in my previous letter, I am writing a sketch of St. Louis parish, Louisville, O., in preparation for cen-



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June 20, 1938

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tenial of first resident pastor and  
wish to include history of College.

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ilian Fathers)



Rev. John A. Martin  
June 22, 1938

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St. Alexis Hospital  
June 22/38

The Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Can.

Rev. & dear Father —

Your very welcome letter and data was received yesterday. I wrote my letter of the early part of this week too soon, asking for the data.

Your data is informing.

The official Catholic Directory for 1868 lists Father Howe, Directory for 1871 lists Father Hours. I presume Howe is a printing mistake inasmuch as you do not mention Howe.

Louisville is 60 mi. south of Cleveland. I expect to be there for a few days in about two weeks hence. Will check further concerning Father Walsh. The present pastor is now touring Europe, following Euch. Congress at Budapest. He returns in July.

The "College" became for years a Boys Orphan (Asylun) pardon me! Asylum; and a few years ago they were brought to Cleveland. Now it is an Old Folks Home. Several priests are staying there also.





Rev. John A. Martin  
June 22, 1938

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One, Father Senner, is 59 years ordained and was pastor at Louisville from 1899 until 1915. I am to ask him about the parish. However, the College days go back so far, that "tradition" is vague.

I have the early start of it by Father Hoffer, pastor Louisville 1861-1897.

The diocesan priests had it for one year, then the Basilians. After you folks left, the Preparatory Seminary was in Cincinnati Diocese. The Cleve. Theol. Seminary dates from Bishop Rappe's time, always having diocesan priests in charge.

Many thanks again, for your letter.  
Please pardon this paper.

Sincerely

John A. Martin

The centennial celebration will not be until Fall, but I am anxious to get all this "stuff" out of the way as soon as possible.

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Rev. John A. Martin  
July 13, 1938

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St. Alexis Hospital  
Cleveland, O.  
July 13/38

The Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Canada.

Rev. & dear Father

I was in Louisville, Ohio, last week,  
and found three additional names of  
Basilians who taught at St. Louis  
College.

Rev. ——— McBrady.

Rt. Rev. Denis O'Connor (who  
was AB of Toronto)

and (I believe) the third name  
is McGovern.

Can you give me a little sketch of  
these men.

We still have in mind, your wish for  
a picture of the College. If there can  
be found an old picture, it can be  
sent to you. If not, then a picture  
can be taken now. The only difference  
will be that in more recent years a  
small chapel was added to one end of  
the building. Otherwise the exterior



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July 13, 1938

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of the building is the same.

Thanking you for your courtesy

Rev. John A. Martin

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July 22, 1938

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St. Alexis Hospital  
Cleveland, O.  
July 22, 1938

The Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Can.

Rev. & dear Father

Following up a letter of mine of about 2 weeks ago, I wish to state that I have found several additional names of professors at Louisville.

Msgr. Hauch in the 2 volume Hist of Diocese, publ. in 1903, lists these Rev. Michael Mulcahy, Leo Cherrier, and Michael Ferguson. (besides Hours, Walsh & Aboulin sketches of whom you have sent)

"hat do you know of these men?

The names of Rt. Rev. Denis O'Connor, and the 2 other (of which I mentioned in my letter just prior to this) was given to me orally by a priest 62 yrs of old who heard of them from friends. I have seen no printed statement concerning them. But in giving them to me, he knew something of their careers after leaving Louisville.

I trust I am not troubling you too much.





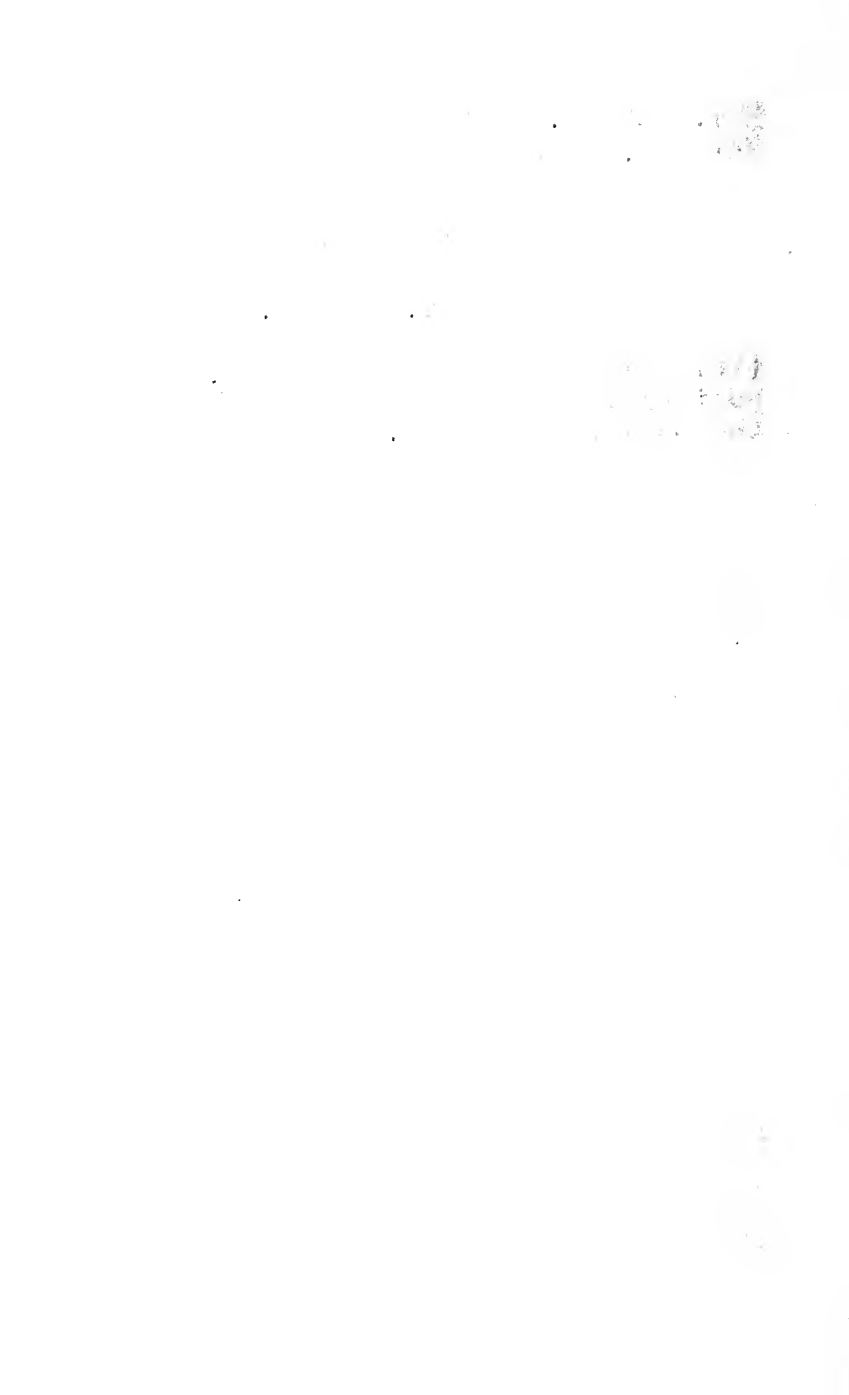
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July 22, 1938

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Sincerely

Rev. John A. Martin

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Wm. Perkins Bull  
September 23, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
23rd September, 1938.

Rev. E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.,  
Superior, St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO.

Dear Father McCorkell:

In a letter from the Grand  
Seminary, Montreal, the following para-  
graph, relative to the late Father  
Francis McSpiritt, occurs:

Studies Philosophy at St.  
Michael's College, Toronto

Also Theology during a few months.

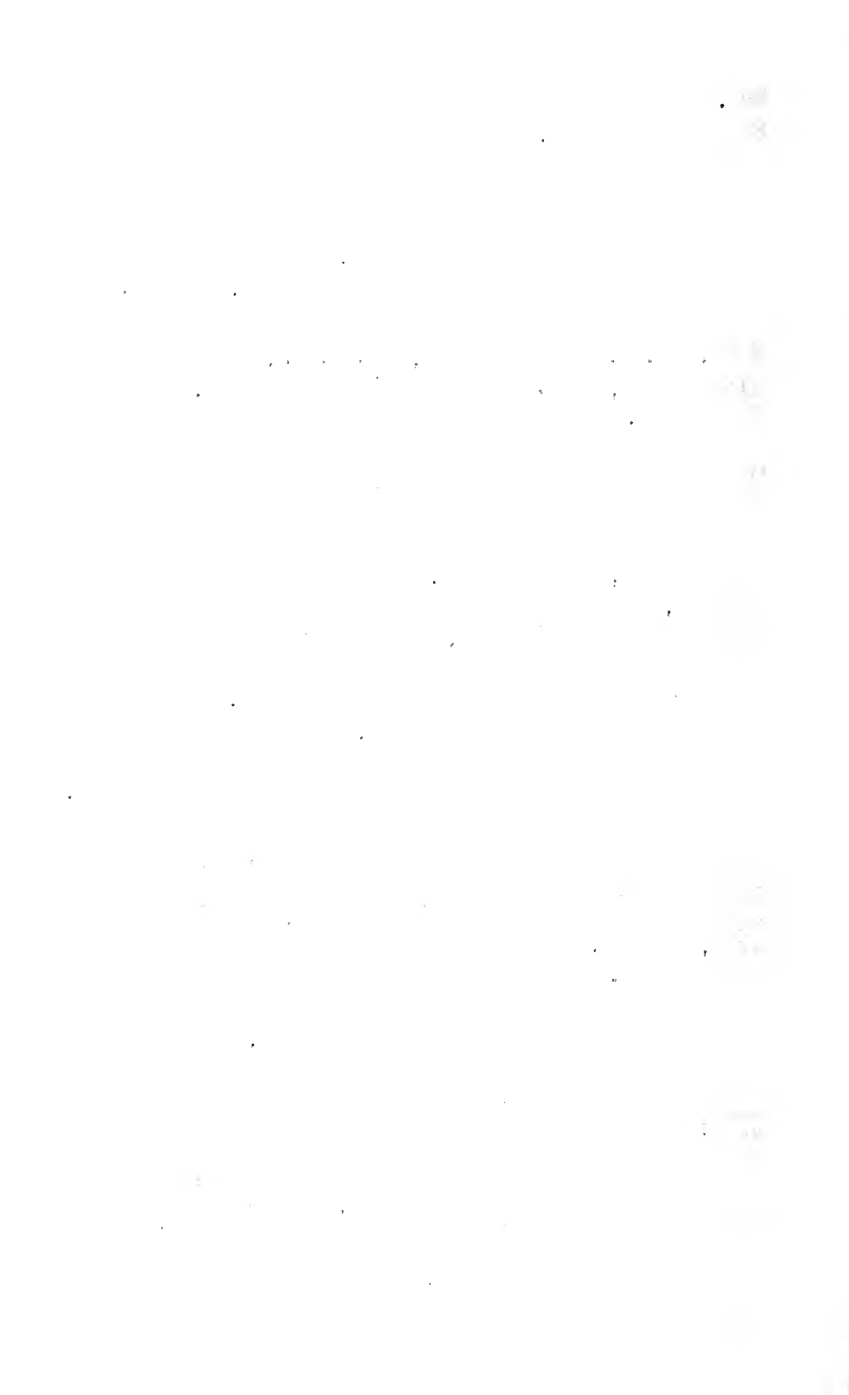
No date is given, but the  
next line says that he entered the  
Grand Seminary of Montreal, 15th Janu-  
ary, 1863. Perhaps this date will  
help you.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Perkins Bull

WPB:F

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archives of St. Michael's College,  
Toronto)



Wm. Perkins Bull  
October 7, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
7th October, 1938

Rev. E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.  
Superior, St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO.

Dear Father McCorkell:

re FROM MACDONNELL TO  
McGUIGAN

Smong our list of priests connected with County Peel, there is a record of a Rev. Father Hdgkinson, son of Dr. John W. Hodgkinson, who practised in Tullamore (Peel) around 1878.

This is the only priest whose baptismal name or initials we have not been able to obtain, although we have his picture. Neither have we his birth and death dates.

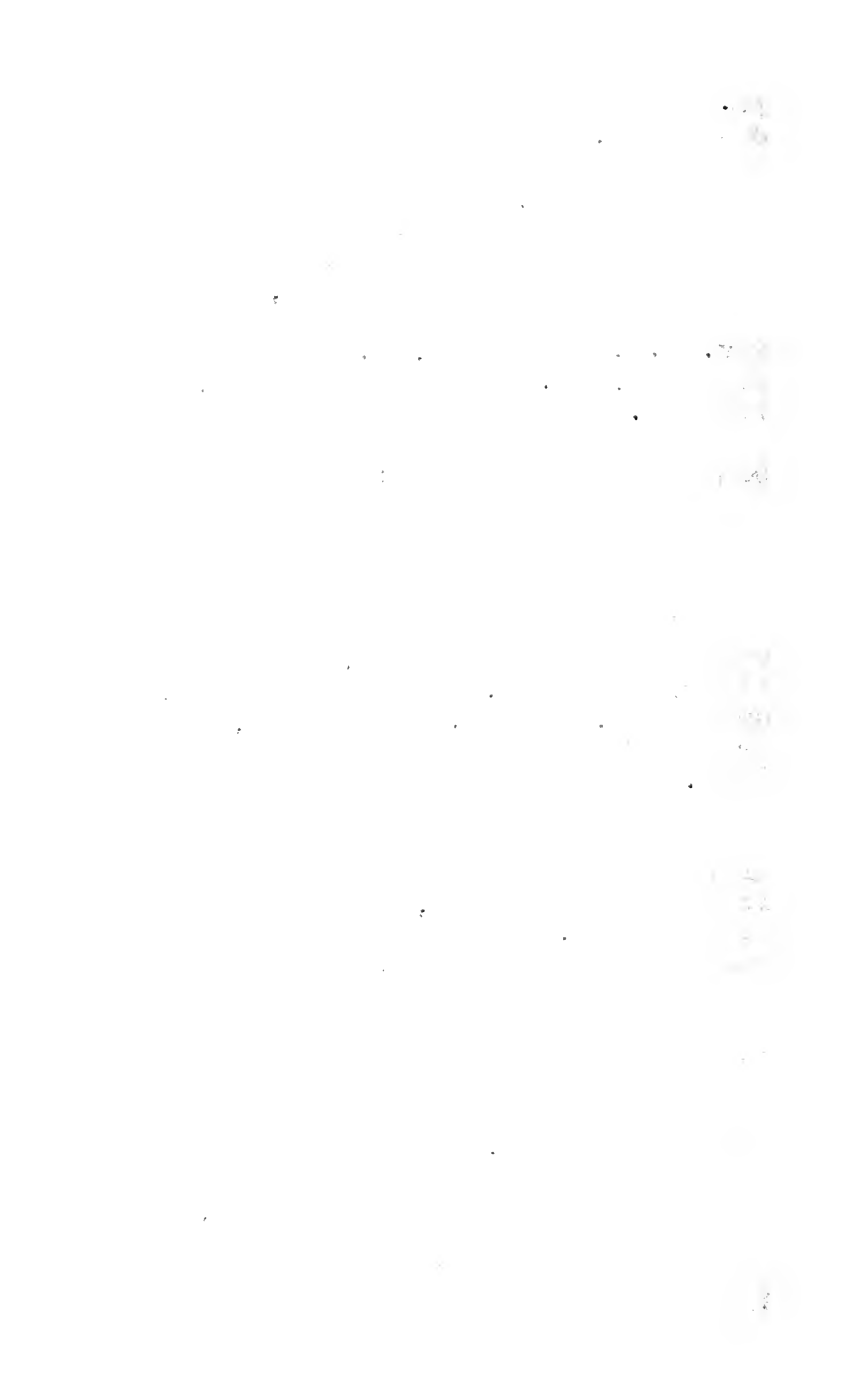
Can you kindly lend a helping hand?

This is one of the few items that is holding up my history of the Roman Catholic Church.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Perkins Bull

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archives of St. Michael's College)



Wm. Perkins Bull  
October 13, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
13th October, 1938

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO.

Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for your kind letter  
of 10th instant.

Following up your information re  
Father Hodgkinson, I have been able to  
locate his brother Charles, who resides  
at 49 Gorevale Avenue, Toronto, from  
whom I was able to obtain more particu-  
lars.

I shall be very glad, however, to  
have anything further that may come  
your way, especially the dates of his  
chaplaincy at De la Salle College,  
Aurora.

Again thanking you for your  
assistance and interest,

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Perkins Bull

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archives of St. Michael's College,  
Toronto)





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October 13, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
13th October, 1938

Rev. Thos. M. Hayden, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Father Hayden:

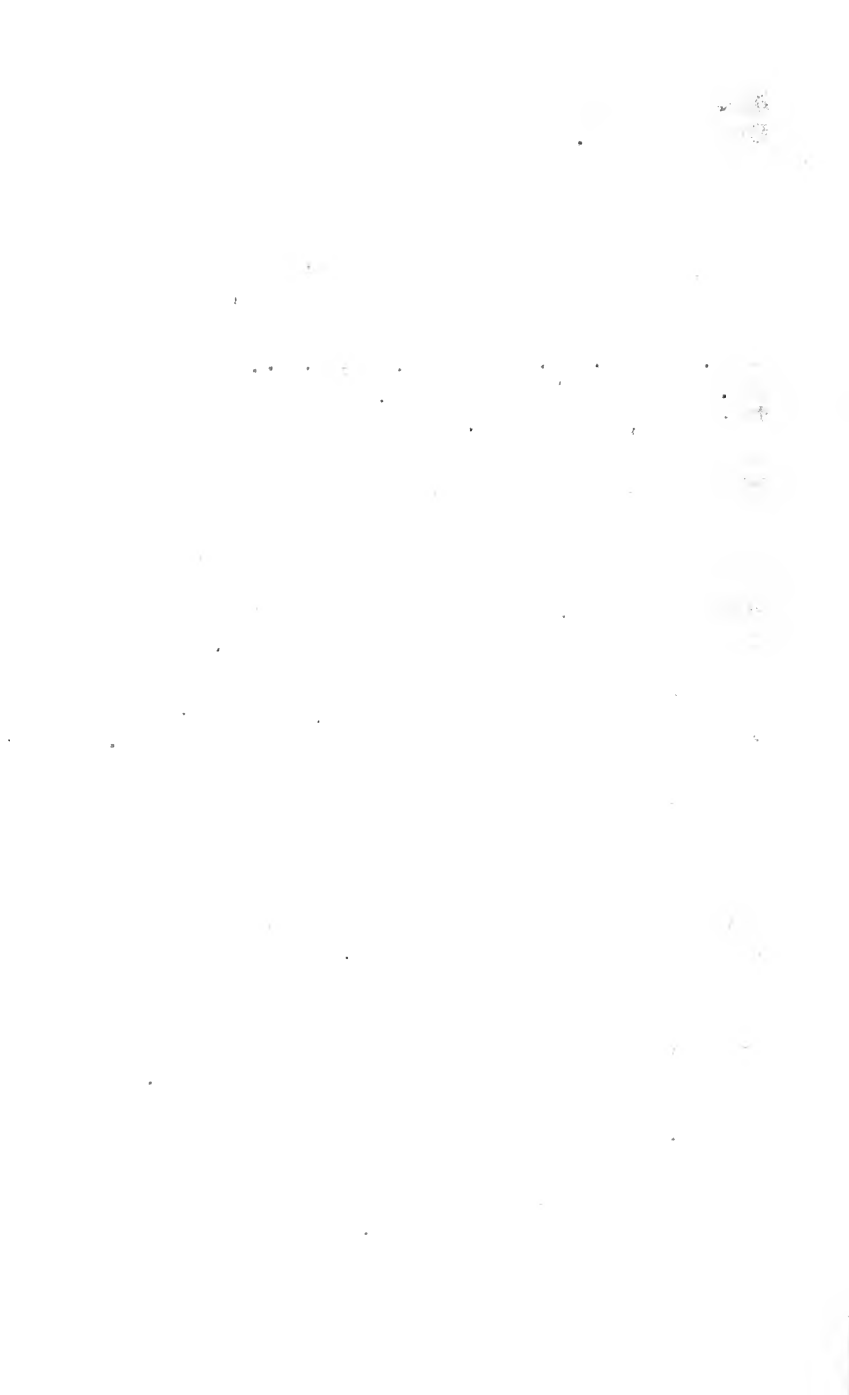
FROM MACDONELL TO MCGUIGAN, the forthcoming volume of my history of County Peel, deals with the Roman Catholic Church in that county.

It will contain an appendix, with brief biographical notes, of Priests, Nuns and Christian Brothers in any way connected with Peel.

In going over some data just come to hand, I note you were assistant to Father Eugene Gallagher in Caledon and Centreville from 1880-2.

So that my records will be complete, I wonder if you would kindly fill in the enclosed questionnaire, returning it at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind co-operation.



Wm. Perkins Bull  
October 13, 1938

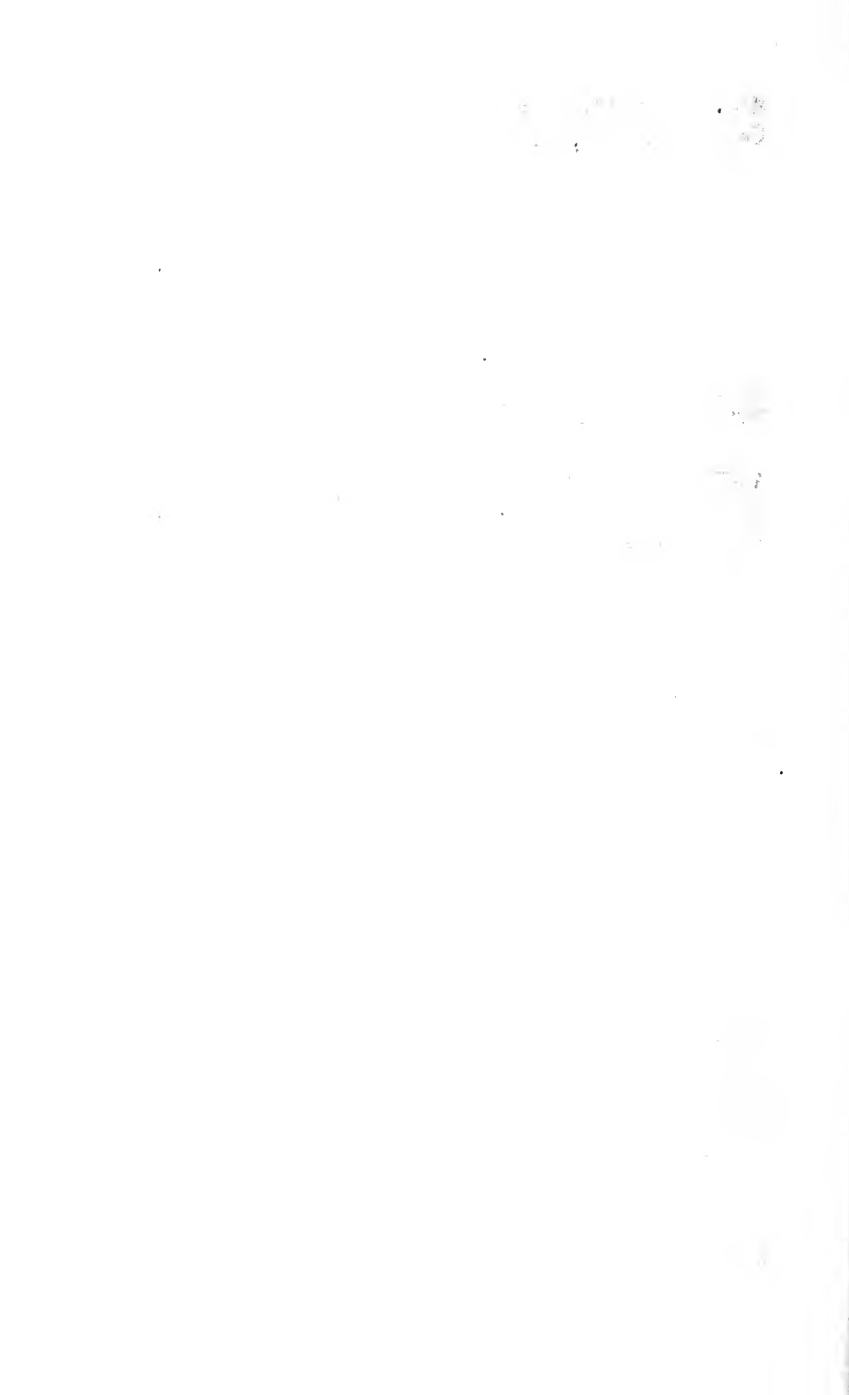
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Yours very sincerely,

Wm. Perkins Bull

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Toronto)



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October 17, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
17th October, 1938

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Father Scollard:

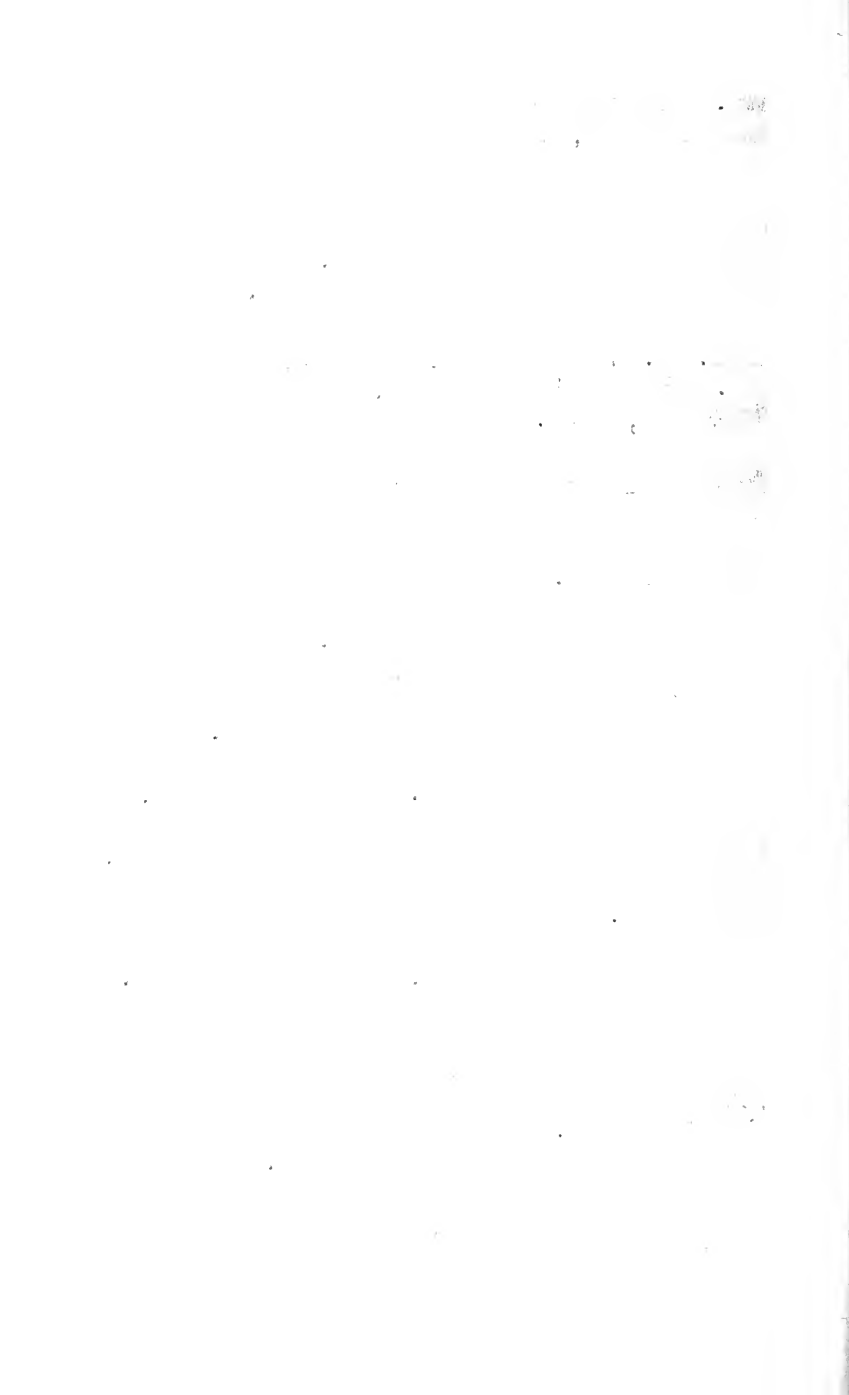
What a helpful letters yours of  
the 14th is.

Re your paragraph 1. Pleased to  
have the information, and especially  
pleased to know that you were kind  
enough to step into the breach.

Re paragraph 2. This is well,  
but if the Christian Brothers tarry  
too long without sending information,  
perhaps you will kindly jog their  
memories.

Re paragraph 3. This is great.  
Lest you change your mind I am making  
haste and sending you by hand today  
the Appendix that, when in shape, I  
propose to publish in FROM MACDONELL  
TO McGUIGAN. It will be considered  
in shape when you return it.

I wonder too, if you would kindly  
give me a brief sketch of the Basilians'



Wm. Perkins Bull  
October 17, 1938

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work in Peel. How long they have been working there — approximately how many — and where. I feel justice has not been done them in my manuscript.

With regard to Father Edward Kelly, author of the history of St. Paul's Parish, what were his degrees? Where can I get access to his biographical sketches and supplementary material?

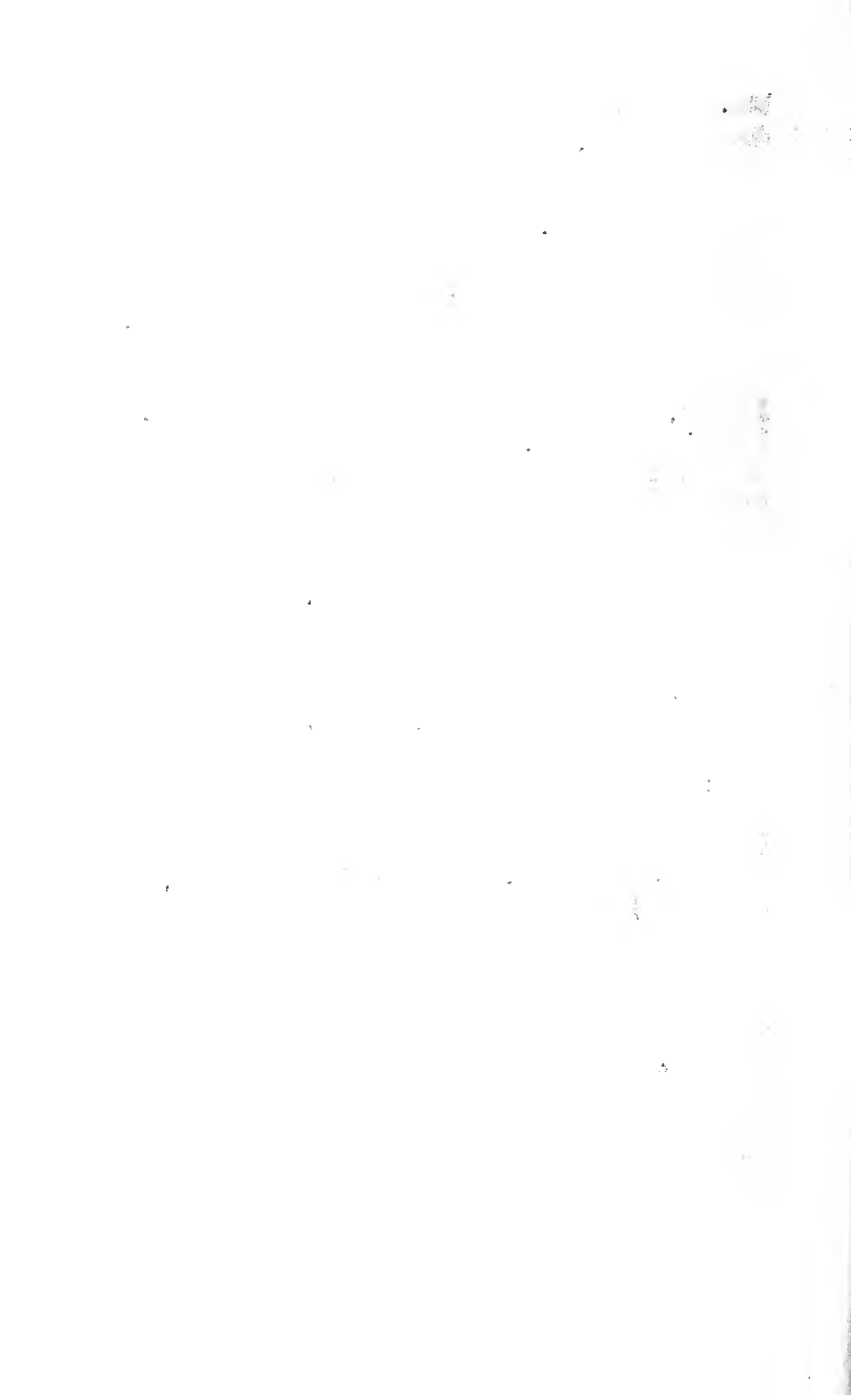
With renewed thanks.

Yours very sincerely

Wm. Perkins Bull

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Wm. Perkins Bull  
October 22, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
22nd October, 1938

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Father Scollard:

Yours of the 20th to hand with

- (a) sacerdotal appendix and suggested changes.
- (b) sketch of Basilians' work in Peel.
- (c) obituary of Dr. Kelly, which is returned herewith.

Let me thank you and assure you of my appreciation of your learned help.

C.S.B. was used in connection with Father Flannery because "The Jubilee Volume of the Archdiocese of Toronto", p. 298, referring to erection of Basilian novitiate, states "This discourse was followed by addresses from Father Flannery, sole survivor of the pioneers of the Basilian Community" etc.



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October 22, 1938

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In the case of priests who were ordained Basilians, and who later left the college, is it correct to say "ordained C.S.B."? For example, Rev. Michael Joseph Reddin who was educated at St. Basil's Novitiate.

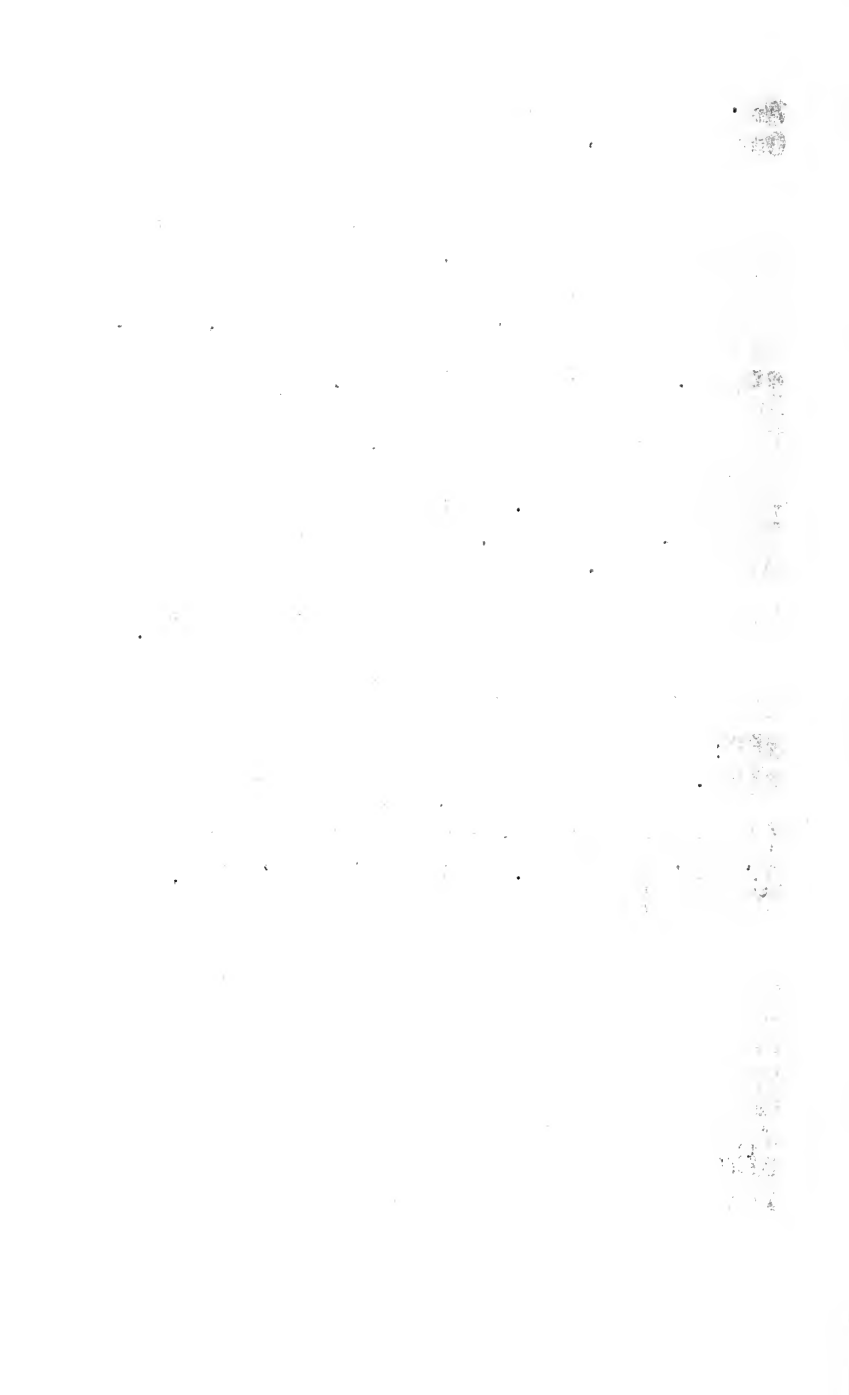
Re Father Murray. Your record showing 1844 as his birth date is no doubt official. Miss Ann Pollard of Bolton, a cousin, gave us 1843 as his birth date.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm Perkins Bull

WPB:MHM  
encl.

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Wm. Perkins Bull  
October 31, 1938

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Meredith Crescent  
Rosedale, Toronto  
31st October, 1938.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Father Scollard:

Your kind letter of the 29th with further information is much appreciated.

In referring to the part the Basilians played in Peel, we are giving credit to the Community as a whole. However, if there are any individual names that should be mentioned in our Appendix, that is, priests who assisted in Peel churches for any length of time, we should be pleased to include them.

In the case of Father Thomas Joseph Hayden, we understood that he was assistant to Father Eugene Gallagher in Caledon and Centreville from 188-2, but after receiving information from Monsignor Ferguson of Brantford, we find he was not ordained until 1886. Did Father Hayden serve in Peel at any later date and when and for how long?



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October 31, 1938

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Sorry to take up so much of your  
time.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. Perkins Bull

MHM

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in the archives of St. Michael's College,  
Toronto)





Archbishop McGuigan  
March 4, 1940

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Archdiocese of Toronto  
Chancery Office  
200 Church Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
March 4, 1940.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

My dear Father Scollard:

I am grateful to you for your pamphlet on the Basilian Fathers and shall read it with interest and, I am sure, edification, the first opportunity I get.

With every kind wish and blessing,  
I am,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ James C. McGuigan

Archbishop of Toronto.

JCM/NW

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in the general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers)



A.B. Fennell  
April 20, 1940

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University of Toronto  
Toronto 5, Canada  
Registrar's Office  
April 20th, 1940.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
Librarian,  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of April 17th with reference to the Rev. J.R. Teefty, former Superior of St. Michael's College.

1. Father Teefty received the degree of B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1871, and was silver medallist in Mathematics at graduation. Subsequently he received the degree of M.A. in 1894, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1896.

2. In connection with the latter degree, the following is a copy of the report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees which was unanimously adopted by the Senate on May 15th, 1896:

"On motion of Dr. Dewart seconded by Chancellor Boyd, the following report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees was unanimously adopted:



A.B. Fennell  
April 20, 1940

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May 15, 1896.

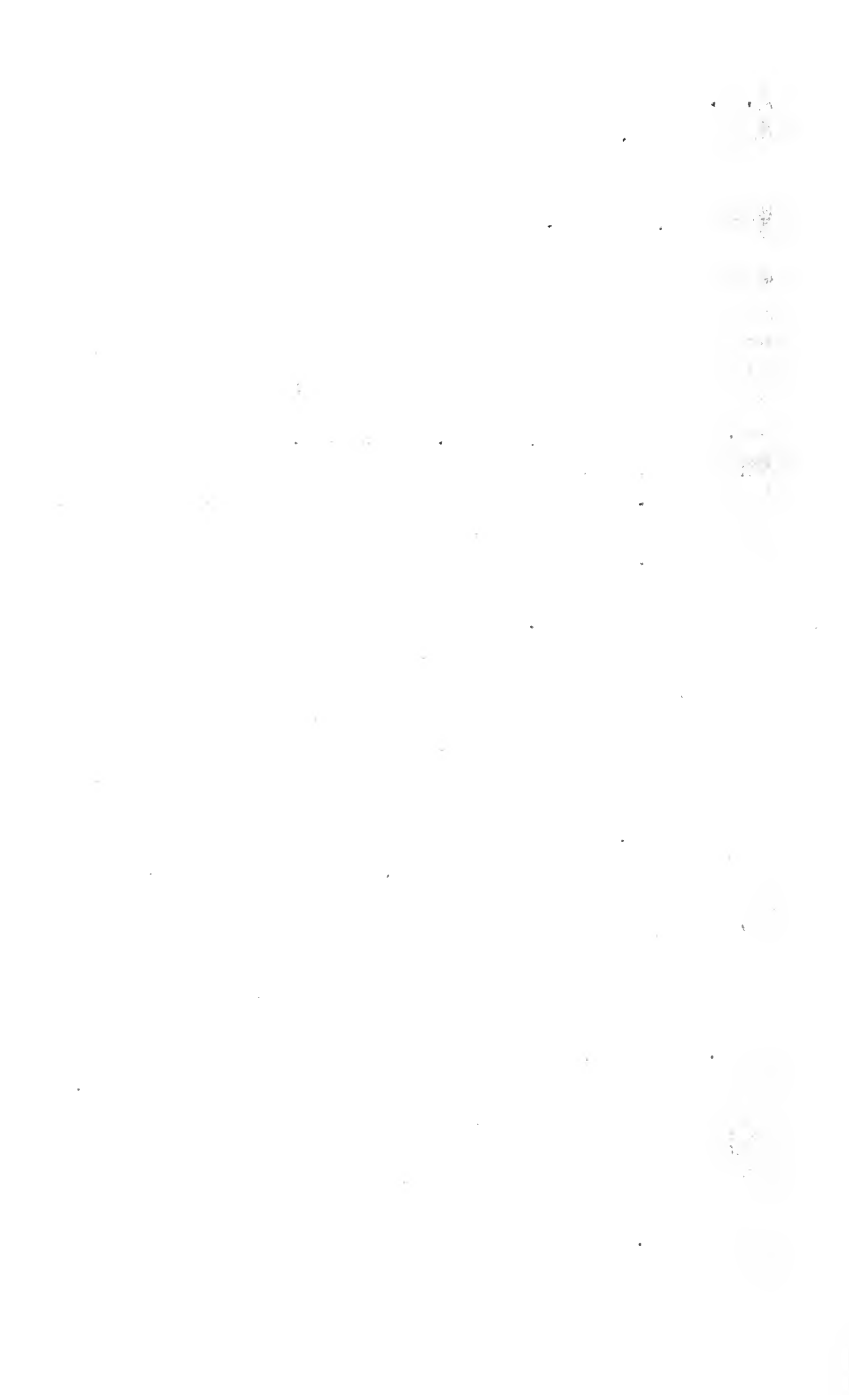
"The Committee on Honorary Degrees begs to recommend the following as suitable persons to receive the degree of LL.D. from the University Senate,

Goldwin Smith, Esq., D.C.D.  
The Rev. W. Caven, D.D.  
The Rev. Nathaniel Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D.  
The Rev. James P. Sheraton, D.D.  
The Rev. John R. Teefty, B.A.

(Sgd.) E.H. Dewart,  
J.A. Boyd,  
James MacLennan,  
J. Loudon,  
Wm. Mortimer Clark,  
John Hoskin (by E.H.D.)"

Dr. Goldwin Smith did not receive the degree until 1903, and the Rev. Nathaniel Burwash was later, at his own request, omitted from the list as, under the federation act, he was already enrolled as holding the degree. As far as I can determine, after a rapid search, Drs. Caven, Sheraton, and Teefty came up for the degree at Commencement in 1896. As you are aware, the first two were Principals of Knox College and Wycliffe College respectively.

3. I regret that I have not had the time to obtain information regarding



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the length of time during which Father Teehy was a member of the University Senate. I shall, however, be glad to put the Senate Minutes at your disposal and any other documents in the archives if you care to come over to the office to examine them. With Annual Examinations pending, I shall have no opportunity within the next few weeks to make a further search.

With regard to the question of affiliation, the following are extracts from the Minutes of the University Senate:

"18th December, 1855.

Read a letter dated the 12th day of June last from the Revd. J.M. Soulerin, Secretary of St. Michael's College, expressing the desire of that institution to be affiliated with the University of Toronto."

"21st day of December, 1855.

The letter from the Superior of St. Michael's College expressing the desire of the authorities of that institution to be affiliated to the University was again read — and the Registrar was directed to reply thereto, and to inform the authorities of that College, that by a general statute of the University students are admitted to degrees





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without reference to the educational institution in which they receive their education."

I presume the original letter and the Registrar's reply are no longer in existence; they were probably destroyed by the fire of 1890.

Yours very truly,

A.B. Fennell

Registrar.

ABF/MS

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M. Teeffy Mulcahy  
April 22, 1940

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M. Teeffy Mulcahy  
Real Estate & Insurance  
Orillia, Canada  
April 22/940

Dear Father Scollard

In reply to your letter re records of grandfather Teeffy's family and uncle John's early life I will bring you down a diary started by gradnfather in his youth and written up further in the early 50's which will undoubtedly give you a fund of information of those early years so far as the Teeffy family is concerned. There are also many interesting clippings in it from newspapers of those early years. I think I have some letters from my uncle written to his mother from Rome & from England & if so I will bring them along. I have also written to my Aunt Alice, the last of the Teeffy family, who lives in Berkeley Calif. & have asked her for definite information for you as the only place I know of my uncle having taught at is Hamilton High School. I should hear from Aunt Alice in 10 days & will forward her letter. I expect to motor down on Tuesday and will see you at the College & if time permits will call on my old master & friend Father Carr & also Father McCorkell.



M. Teeffy Mulcahy  
April 22, 1940

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Yours very sincerely

M. Teeffy Mulcahy

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John T. Mulcahy  
May 21, 1940

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Judge's Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario

Dear Father Scollard.

Please accept my most earnest apologies for inattention to your letter of 20 April. It came when I was away on a Conciliation Board for the Dominion Dept. of Labour and was unfortunately mislaid until yesterday.

I wish I could be of real assistance to Father Harry Carr in the matter at hand. Teef, at Orillia, or my aunt, Miss Alice Teefy, would be of much more help, particularly in the matter of accuracy. Aunt Alice's address is 2414 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A. She will know more definitely where uncle John Teefy taught etc. than we do. Sir William Mulock and he were very closely associated in the work leading up to affiliation with U of T, as you no doubt know. The old Grammar School at Richmond Hill, Model School at Toronto and U of T were as I recollect the schools which, before the Seminary, he attended. I think he taught at Hamilton High School.

I repeat my apology, Father, and am so sorry that I have to be classed as "a big help."

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Yours faithfully

John T. Mulcahy

21 May/40

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April 22, 1940

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GRAND SEMINAIRE  
de St-Sulpice  
Montréal  
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Reverend R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
Librarian,  
St. Michael's College, Toronto.

Rev. and dear Father,

Here are the particulars that I  
find in our records about Father John  
Read Teefy:

Diocese: Toronto

Parents: Matthew Teefy  
Elizabeth Clarkson

Birthplace: Richmond Hill, Toronto.

Born (date): August 21, 1848

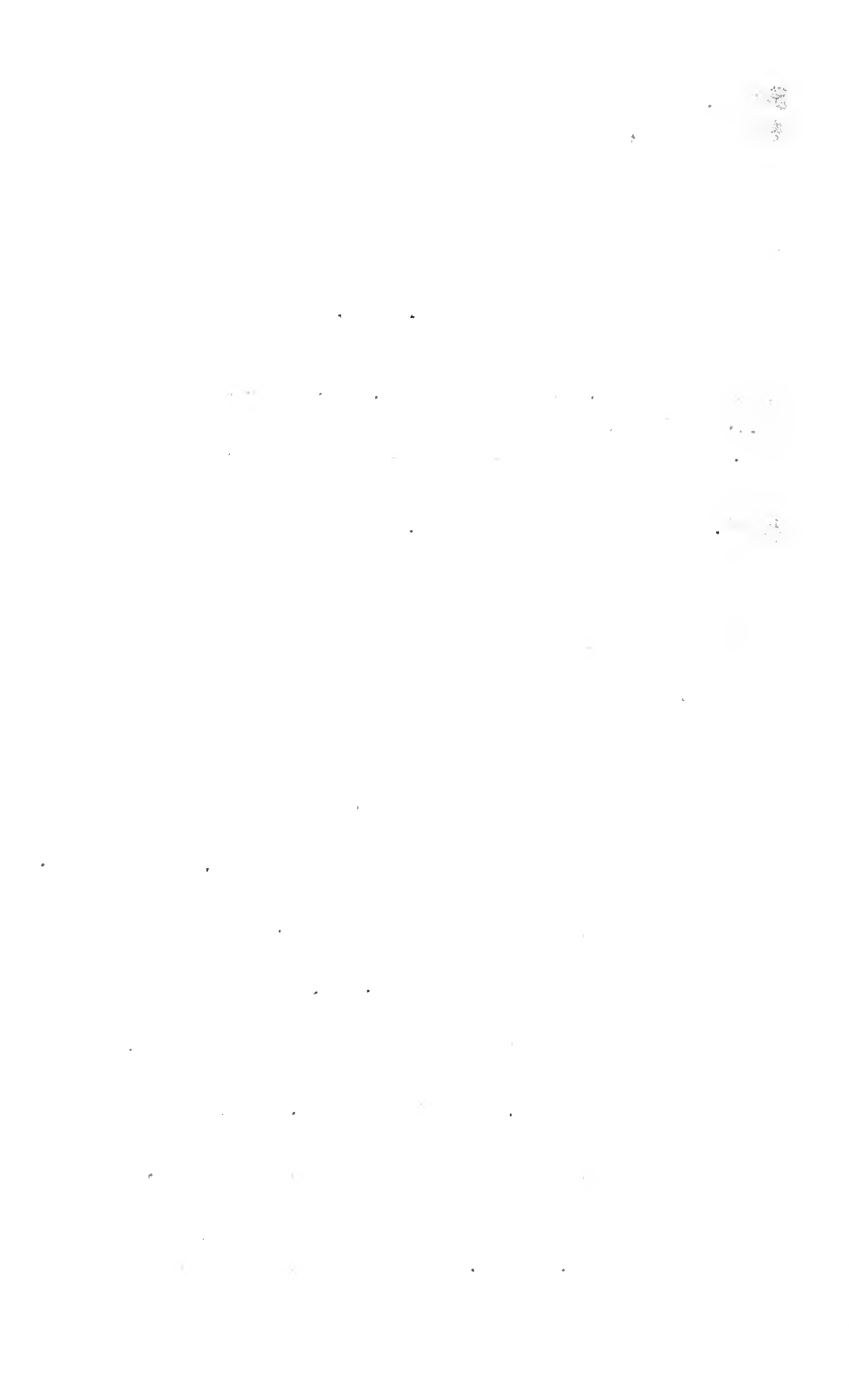
Baptism: Sept. 1, 1848

Confirmed: when 10 years old.

Entered G. Sem: Sept. 11, 1874

Received 1st Tonsure: May 22, 1875  
" Minor Orders: December  
18, 1875

Left G. Sem. April 5, 1877.



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April 22, 1940

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Hoping that this information will  
be of some utility, I beg to remain

Yours devotedly in J. and M.,

Rosario Lesieur, PSS

rector.

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Basilian Fathers)



Rosario Lesieur  
March 25, 1941

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Grand Séminaire de Montréal  
2065 Ouest, Sherbrooke  
Montréal  
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Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
Librarian,  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto.

Rev. and dear Father,

Here are the few particulars that we find in our records about the Fathers that you mentioned.

Rev. James P. McEvoy. Born, September 18, 1842, in Drumcondra, Co. Meath, Ireland. His parents lived, when he came here, September 17, 1864, in Jersey City, N.J. He began his classical studies at S. Charles' College, Baltimore, then had his Philosophy at your St. Michael's College, as also one year of Theology. He spent only one year, here, leaving September 27, 1865.

Rev. John Joseph Purcell. His parents were: Patrick Purcell and Christina Walsh, of Kerry, Co. Kerry, Ireland. He was born January 7, 1878, and baptized Jan. 12. He received Confirmation at the age of 10. He entered our





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Seminary of Philosophy, Sept. 21, 1897 and the Seminary of Theology, two years later, Sept. 20, 1899. He was excorparated from Kerry diocese on April 15, 1900. He left our Seminary, the 1st time, June 27, 1902. Coming back, October 10, 1903, he received 1st Tonsure and Minor Orders, November, 1903. He left the Seminary at the end of this year, June 27, 1904.

Rev. Thomas McCarthy. Born, December 9, 1939, at Ste Julienne, now in Montalm County, near Joliette; his parents lived there; they most probably had emigrated from Ireland and settled on a farm in this parish. He had his classical studies at the College de L'Assomption, P.Q., then was employed as a professor at the College of S. Vincent de Paul, Ile Jésus, for two years. He entered the Grand Seminary, September 30, 1864, but obliged to leave, on account of sickness, October 7 of the same year.

N.B. As you see, some facts do not seem to be historical, according to the records of our Seminary or your College.

Hoping that this information will be useful, I beg to remain

Yours devotedly in J. and M.,  
Rosario Lesieur, PSS, Rector.

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Mount Hope Cemetery  
February 26, 1941

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Mount Hope Cemetery  
Head Office: 200 Church St.  
Supt. Office: 305 Erskine Ave.  
Toronto, Feb. 26, 1941

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
Queen's Park Crescent,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Father:

We have searched our records of St. Michael's Cemetery quite thoroughly, and have not found much information about the persons listed for us in your letter of February 14th. We located only three, and the information is as follows:

John P. Moffitt, age 23 years,  
born in Cleveland, Ohio, died  
April 2, 1876.

Rev. John Morrow, aged 33 years,  
born in Adjala, Ontario, died  
August 1, 1878 and was buried  
in the Basilian Lot.

Rev. Michael Mulcahy, age 63 years,  
born in Ireland, died April 30,  
1905.

We have sent your list along to  
Mr. Crean at the Cemetery who might



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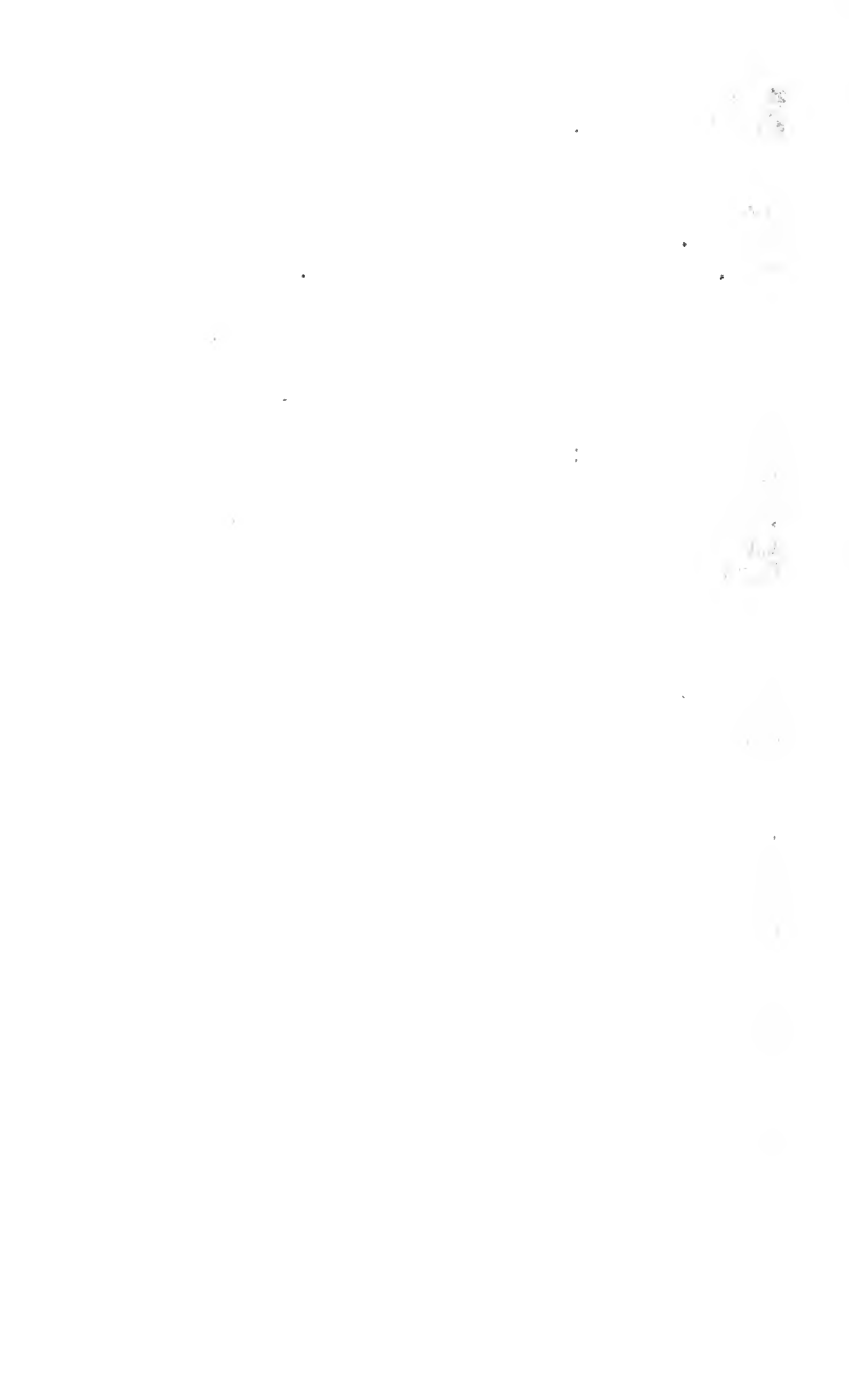
possibly find some additional information. If we hear anything more from him, we shall let you know.

Very respectfully yours,

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY,

Per: NSA

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G.M. Warren  
December 19, 1944

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Chancery Office  
722 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ont.  
December 19, 1944.

The Very Rev. E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.,  
21 St. Mary Street,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Father McCorkell:

We are enclosing correspondence re Father Burke which has been kept in our files. His Excellency, Bishop Ryan, feels that you would like to have these papers for your records.

We are also enclosing the matter submitted for our Diocesan History re Owen Sound and Missions. His Excellency thought that you would have more information than is supplied here and would like to rewrite this section. Would you kindly return these history sheets along with your own account when it has been completed.

With every best wish of the season, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

G.M. Warren  
Bishop's Secretary.

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Dear Fr. Scollard — If you think you  
can improve on this, do so.

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G.M. Warren  
January 3, 1945

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Chancery Office  
722 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ont.  
January 3, 1945.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
Bay and St. Joseph Sts.,  
TORONTO 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

His Excellency, Bishop Ryan, has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of December 30th and to state that in his opinion the historical matter of Owen Sound and Missions should have at least four or five pages. We are returning the history we have on hand and request that it be returned when your history has been completed.

With kindest regards, I remain,

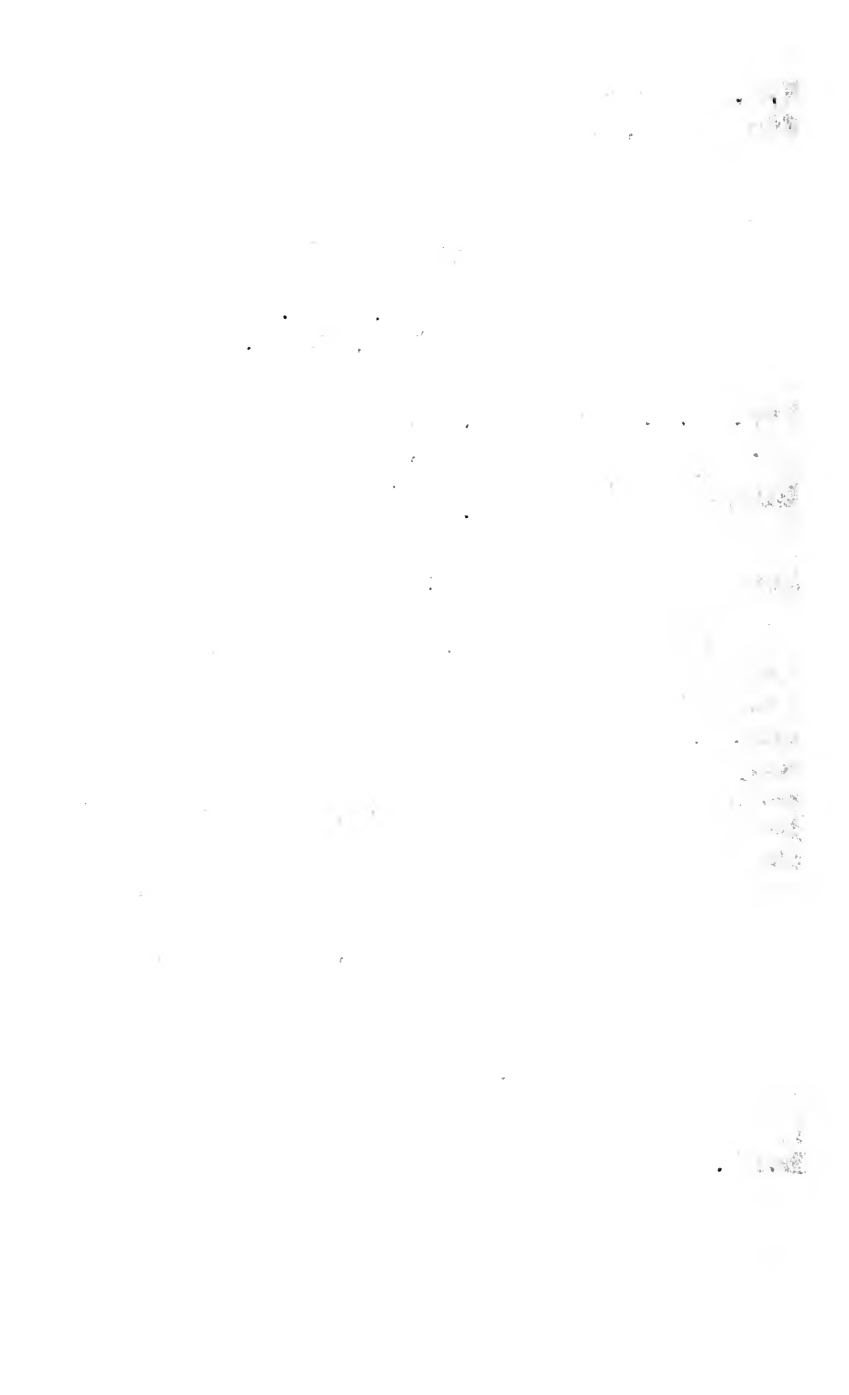
Sincerely yours in Christ,

G.M. Warren

BISHOP OF HAMILTON <sic>

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G.M. Warren  
January 19, 1945

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Chancery Office  
722 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ont.  
January 19, 1945.

Dear Father Scollard:

As we are not able to supply the information requested by you we have taken the liberty of forwarding the form you enclosed to Father Savoie, S.J., at the Guelph Novitiate. We asked Father Savoie to return it directly to you.

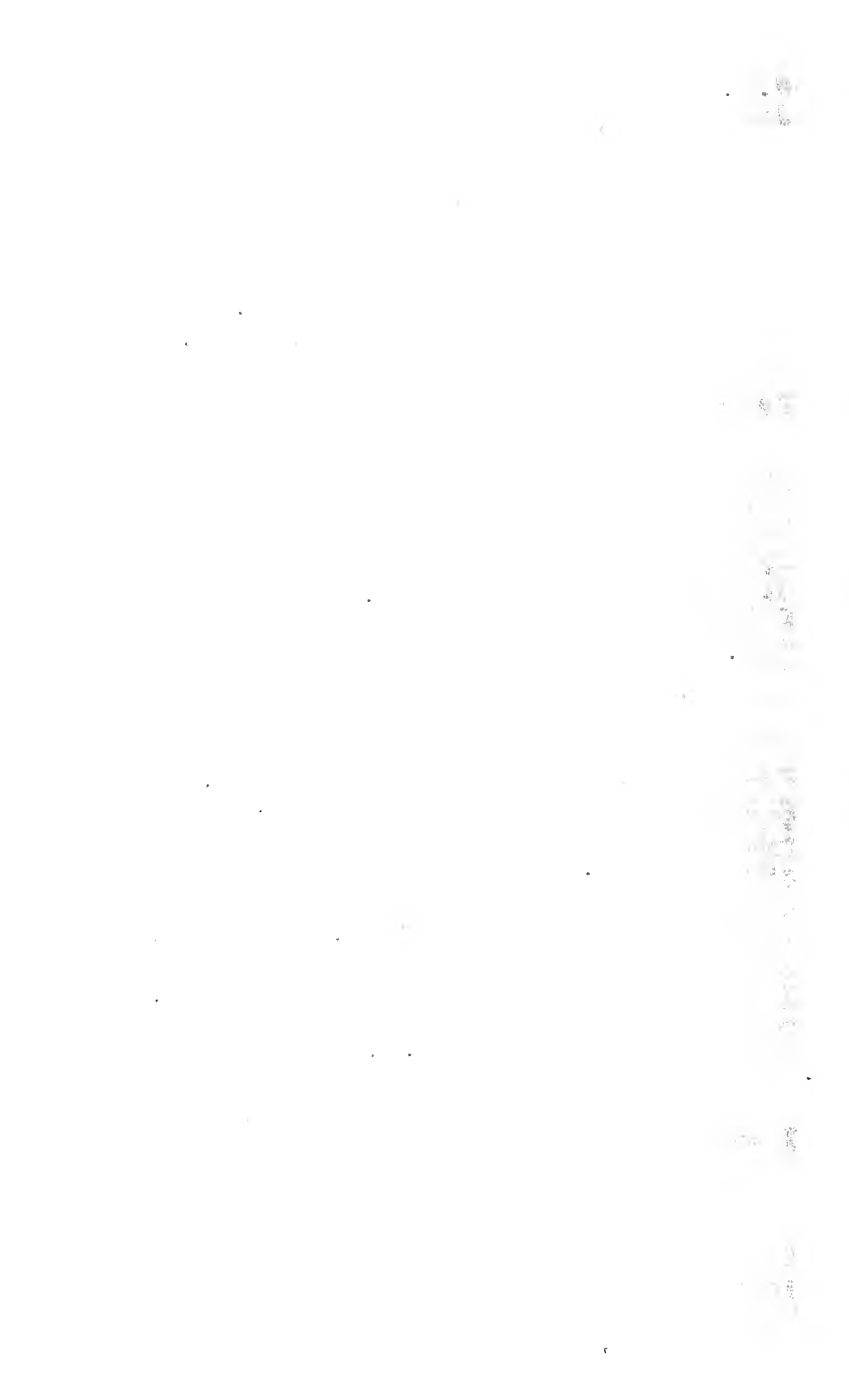
His Excellency is not able to say whether the diocesan history, when completed, will appear as a book. At present he is only interested in obtaining all the information possible about the diocese.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

G.M. Warren

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W.L. Savoie  
January 22, 1945

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St. Stanislaus Novitiate  
Guelph, Ontario  
January 22nd, 1945.

Rev. Father Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto.

Dear Father Scollard:

Father Warren has sent me your request for information concerning pioneer priests of Owen Sound district. I have forwarded it to Father Lally at our Seminary in Toronto and asked him to communicate with you.

Father Cadot here, the old missionary from Cape Croker, tells me that the Owen Sound paper, the Times, I believe, has in its possession complete records of the early times of the district, and suggests that you might obtain much valuable information for your historical article by getting in touch with them. I pass this on to you hoping that it may be of assistance in case you did not already know of its existence.

With best wishes and kind regards,  
I am

Yours in Dno.  
W.L. Savoie, S.J.

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Fathers)





T.J. Lally  
January 26, 1945

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MARTYRS' SHRINE  
Fort Ste Marie  
Winter Address:  
403 Wellington St.W.  
Toronto  
Jan. 26, 1945.

Dear Father Scollard:

The enclosed memorandum was referred by Father G.M. Warren of Hamilton to our Rector in Guelph who in turn sent it to me. That may account for the delay.

I have filled in the data concerning the Jesuits. Perhaps Dr. O'Reilly could supply the data about the Diocesan priests. I have not that data at hand.

Father Warren asked that this data be forwarded to you for a history of the Owen Sound Parish.

Wishing you every success in the good work,

Yours in Domino,

T.J. Lally, S.J.

The Can. Messenger for 1942 has an article by our late Father Bartlett containing considerable data of the Jesuits work in Hamilton Diocese.

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St. Michael's College  
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Peter Point, S.J.,	April 7, 1802 Sept. 19, 1896	
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Dominic Duranquet, S.J.,	Jan. 20, 1813 Dec. 13, 1900	
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Nicholas Fremiot, S.J.,	Oct. 5, 1815 1852.	
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M. Muncoq	1829 - 1856	
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Peter Bardou	- 1882	
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P. St. Aubin		
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In what year did the Jesuits open their  
House in Guelph? Jan. 28th, 1852.

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G.M. Warren  
March 12, 1945

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Chancery Office  
722 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ont.  
March 12, 1945.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 11th with the historical matter enclosed. This information will be kept at the Chancery office until all the parishes have made their returns. Any further information you care to forward would be appreciated.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

G.M. Warren

Bishop's Secretary.

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Laurence J. Fitzsimon  
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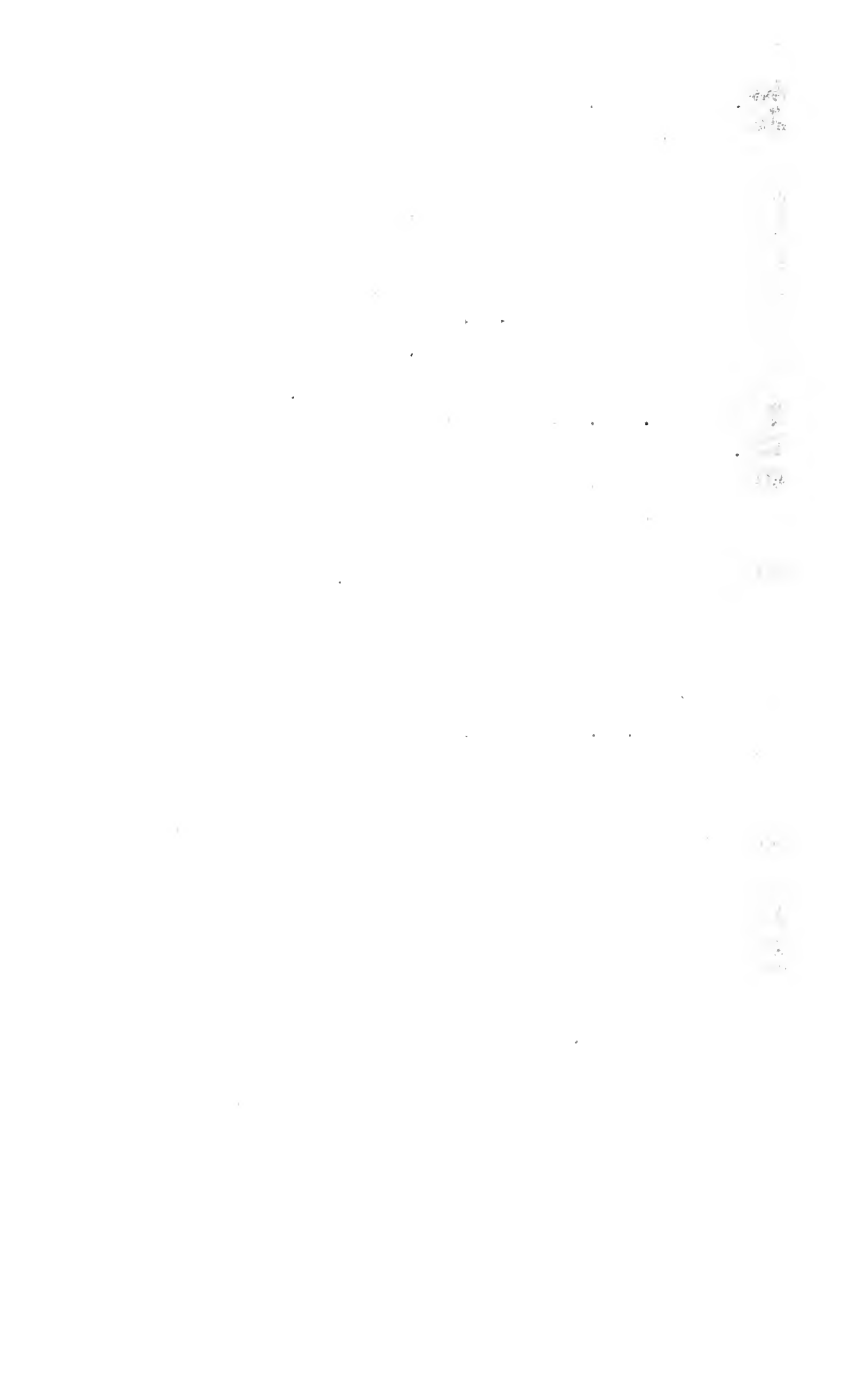
Bishop's Office  
1110 Washington Street  
Amarillo, Texas  
P.O. Box 2009  
July 9, 1948

The Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B., Librarian  
St. Michael's College  
Bay and St. Joseph Streets  
Toronto, Canada

Reverend and dear Father:

I wish to thank you for sending me the booklets on the Basilian Fathers which came through the kindness of Father J.B. Walsh. I have been anxious to have a good history of your Fathers in Texas for the Catholic Archives of Texas of which I am the custodian. I shall appreciate your sending me anything that is relative to this subject, and if some member of the Congregation could be induced to write up the history, it would be a fine addition to the Archives, even if not intended for publication.

I am preparing the material for the Seventh Volume of "Our Catholic Heritage"; this Seventh Volume will include the history of the Catholic Church in Texas from 1840 to 1936 and, of course, the work of the Basilian





Laurence J. Fitzsimon  
July 9, 1948

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Fathers should be included, at least in a general sketch of their activities. All the Archive material has just come to me lately and as yet I do not know all the contents. As soon as possible I shall compose a sketch of the Basilian Fathers in Texas and while doing this I know I shall have a number of questions to ask; I shall appreciate your co-operation in this work.

Again thanking you for the booklets and with my blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Laurence J. Fitzsimon

Bishop of Amarillo.

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Bernard C. Persson  
May 5, 1952

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HEADQUARTERS  
6147th TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP  
Office of the Catholic Chaplain  
APO 970  
5 May 1952

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada

Dear Father,

I am writing in reply to a request from Father John J. Miller, who happens to be my "boss" and as the old saying goes "your wish is my command" ....

It seems that Father has been rather carried away with the Centennial celebrations and the coming Feast of St. Basil (I will have to be truthful here, I had never heard of the Basilians, due to my lack of knowledge, not the Order's lack of publicity) and insists upon having a picture of St. Michael and one of St. Basil. We would like a small picture of each from which we can have larger copies made as it is our plan to have an artist do them on silk. Father mentioned that he didn't want the St. Michael on the Blue Banner but he was also quite explicit in that he didn't want the good Saint to look as



Bernard C. Persson  
May 5, 1952

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if he had just stepped out of a "beauty parlor". I might mention that these great productions are going to hang in the new Basilica Father just built. It isn't St. Peter's but it sure puts St. Pat's to shame.

At the moment Father is walking around with his head up in the clouds as he has been requested to give a three day mission at one of our bases in southern Korea, that sounds like southern France or something but believe me there is no similiarity.

Well now that I have related the Ex Cathedra on pictures of Saints, I will ask another favor — that you send them air mail, as the "great hall" will not be complete without them.

Humbly asking your prayers, I am

Respectfully in Our Lord

"Bernie"

Bernard C. Persson O.F.  
A/2C, USAF  
Catholic Cahplain's Assistant

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E. Cyr  
November 20, 1852

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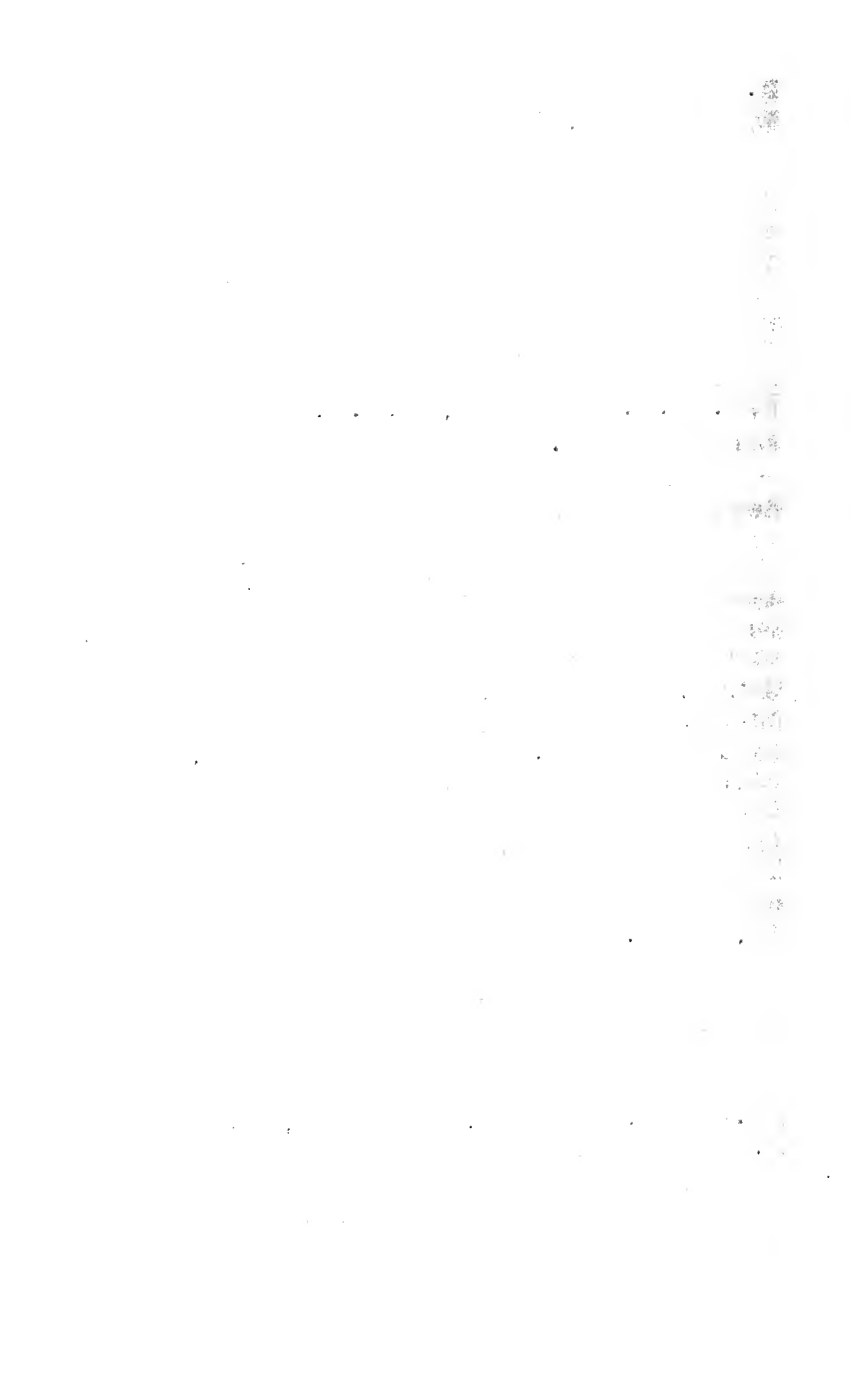
EVECHÉ  
Diocèse de Bathurst  
Bathurst, N.B.  
Canada  
November 20, 1952

Rev. R.J. Scollard, c.s.b.  
Toronto, Ont.

Rev. and Dear Father Scollard,

I have yours of October 29, last, about father Cushing; we will have to be content with what we have about him, very little; he was born in Grand Anse Gloucester County, N.B. and he appears on a photo in a group with the Class of 1886 at St. Michael's College, Toronto; then he ministered in the Diocese of Chatham from September 1896 to October 1898, then he left for the States and worked in Denver, Colorado, and died in Bangor Maine on November 15, 1905.

Concerning now the Basilian Fathers, I have a list of the Fathers who directed St. Thomas College in Chatham, N.B. from 1910 to 1922. I give you the list: RR.FF. W.J. Roach, T. Roach, M. Pickett, J. Finnegan, William G. Rogers, V.B. Reath, J. Sheridan, E.Jm Plourde, P. Costello, E.J. Pageau, F.D. Meader. As





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November 20, 1952

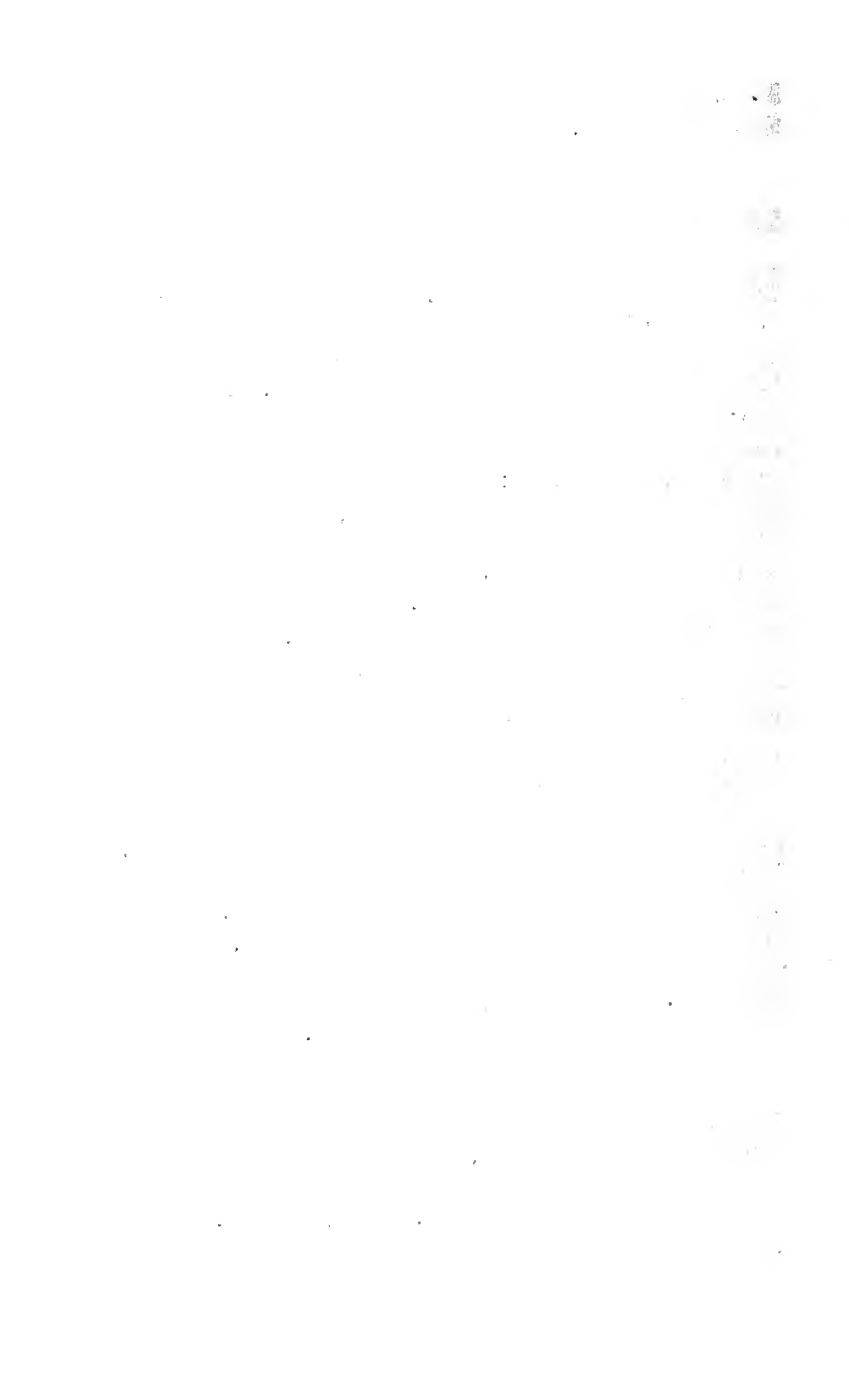
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you mentionned in your letter, you are at the present compiling biographical data for the members of your own Religious Congregation. I would be very much obliged if you could send me the data of the priests mentionned above. Last May I wrote to Father V.B. Brezik, Secretary General of the Basilian Fathers of Toronto and he answered on June 4, telling: "that the files are not in the best of order, and it will take me a little time while to gather this information. <sic> I hope the matter is not urgent." Though it is not in an immediate urgency, the sooner it will come the better, for I intend to publish the list of the entire clergy from the beginning of religious activities in the Northern part of New Brunswick till now-a-days, and I wish the list to be as complete as possible with the biographical data of each priest. I have at present the name of all secular clergy since the foundation of the diocese of Chatham in 1860, and most of the names of the religious clergy. I am compiling now the names of the priests before 1860.

Thanking you in advance for your entire co-operation I remain truly  
yours in Our Lord,

E. Cyr, ptre.

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E. Cyr  
November 20, 1952

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### Biographical Data

- 1) place and date of birth; name of father and mother
- 2) place of studies: college and seminary
- 3) place and date of profession
- 4) place and date of ordination and name of Bishop of ordination
- 5) place and date of different appointments
- 6) place and date of death and place of burial.

E. Cyr, ptre.

N.B. Please excuse the corrections.

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W.J. Coulter  
June 29, 1953

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Kitchener-Waterloo Record  
Kitchener, Ontario  
June 29/53

To Whom It May Concern:  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto, Ontario.

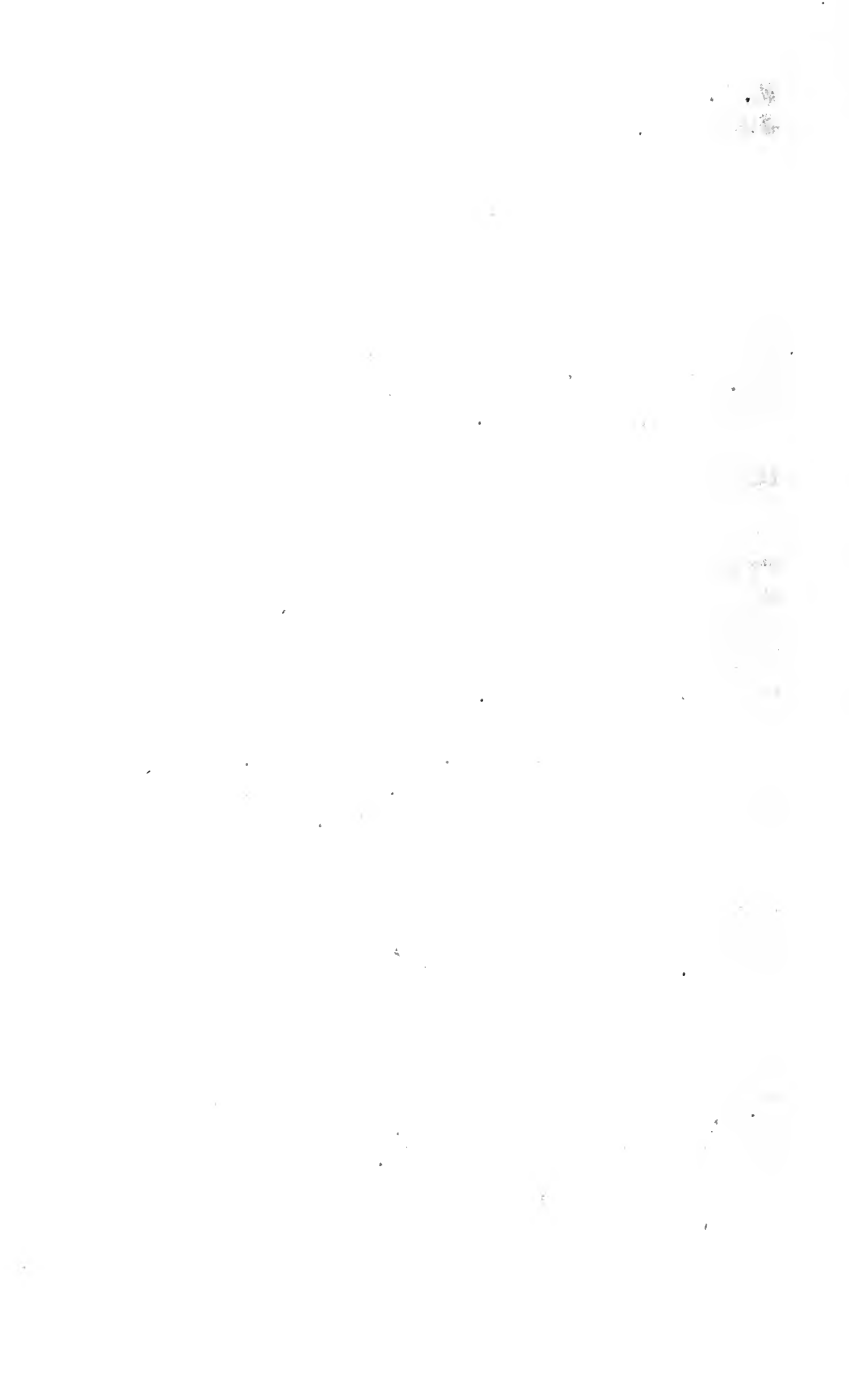
Dear Sir;

We carried a story the other day regarding the ordination of David Bauer of Kitchener-Waterloo, and have heard since that two men from our circulation area are members of the same ordination class.

They are, Rev. Michael A. Goetz of Kenilworth and Rev. John A. Stortz of Welland and Kenilworth.

Since we used a one col cut of Father Bauer we would like to do the same on the other two, plus a career story.

Would you be so kind as to send us photos of these two priests and data regarding their birthplace, schools they attended, when they entered religious life, time and place of first Mass, and who will assist them, in time for use by us over the weekend?



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June 29, 1953

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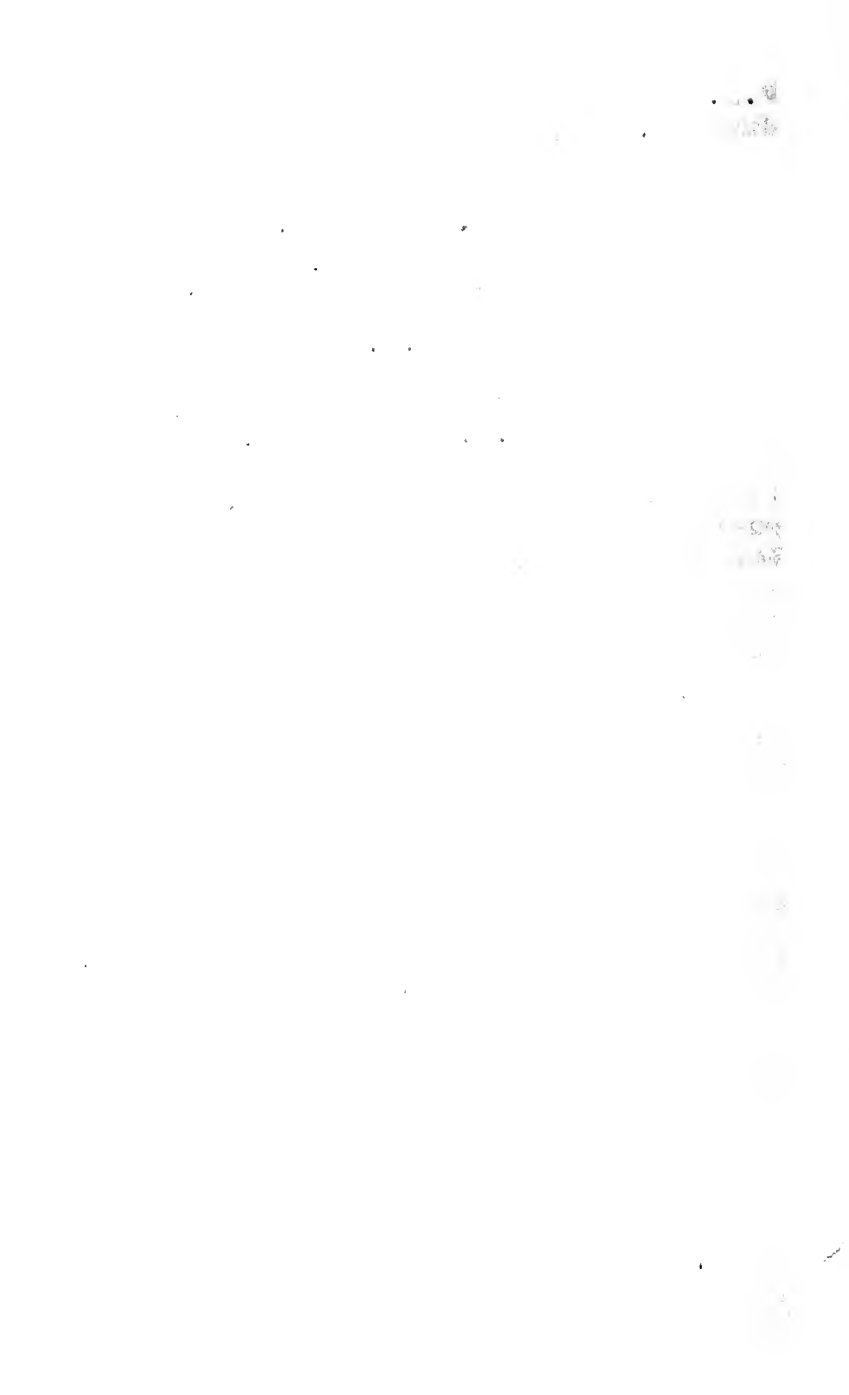
Thanking you, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

W.J. Coulter

For district editor,  
E.R. Ronnenberg.

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W.J. O'Rourke  
August 10, 1950

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W.J. O'Rourke  
Independent Oil Operator  
815 Hawthorne Street  
Houston, Texas  
Aug. 10th 1950

Father Crowley,

You will recall that Father Tom was assigned to the Mexican Missions at Rosenberg as an assistant upon his return from Detroit in the early 1940's for a short time. This was something that was very dear to him.

He was also one of the very first, if not the first native born Texan to become a priest.

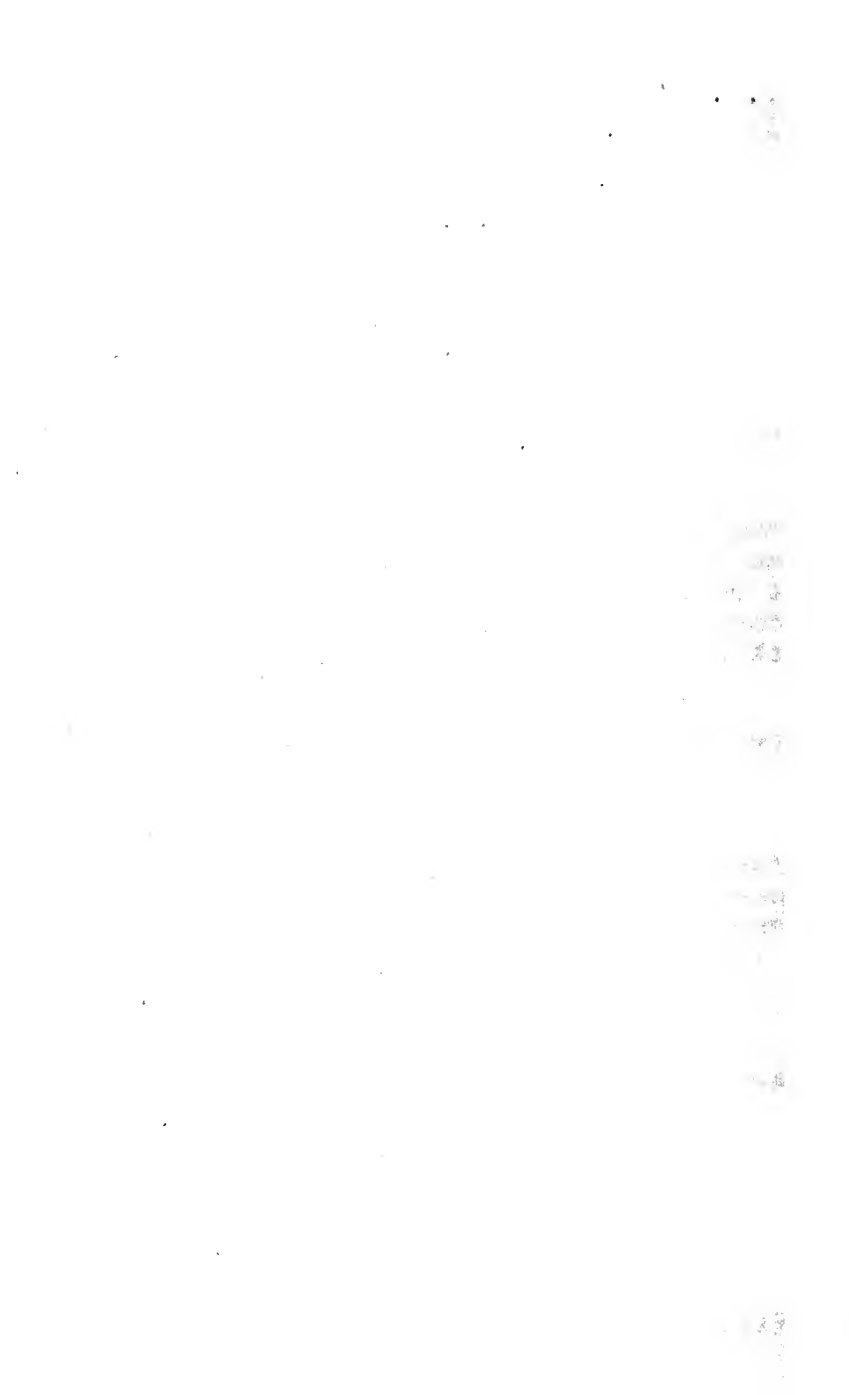
He attended Columbia University for several summers. I remember he served as assistant and lived with the famous Father Duffy of the Fighting Sixty-Ninth one season, also other parishes in New York at other times.

It will not be necessary to return the Southern Messenger.

Thanks,

Will J. O'R.

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William J. O'Meara  
October 2, 1956

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1224 East 57th Street  
Chicago 37, Ill.  
October 2, 1956.

Dear Father Scollard,

When I was at the college about three years ago, Rufort Masales happened to show me a copy of the magazine of the Basilians which I believe you edit or edited. It was the October number, I think, and gave the appointments, complete roster, with dates of ordination, necrology, etc. I wonder if it is being continued and whether you would let me have a copy of the current or similar most recent issue.

I was in Toronto for a few hours in May on my way from Chicago to Montreal and abroad, and I saw my brother who has moved from Ottawa to Willowdale, but there was no time for anything else.

I have written to Father Lavery for college information because I am hoping that my daughter Felicity, now in second year high school, may go to St. Michael's.

Please remember me to Father Flahiff and other old friends,

Yours,

Bill O'Meara

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William J. O'Meara  
January 4, 1957

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1224 E. 57th St.  
Chicago 37  
Jan. 4, 1957

Dear Father Scollard,

It seems that ever since I received your letter, followed by the Basilian Annals in a day or two, I haven't had time to write a letter of thanks — but finally here it is! I am not very good at paying compliments but I wish most sincerely to tell you that I admire your Annals very much. I have seen only one other copy and that was several years ago. I wonder why you have discontinued the printing of the roster of the community in terms of seniority. It seemed to me that such a list gave a very vivid picture of the line of continuity, so to speak, from the eldest living to the newest additions. Something like a map, or a chronological table, a list of this kind, or rather, the yearly sequence of such lists would give later archivists and students a sense of the continuity and at the same time of the inexorable passage of men through time which is characteristic of an enduring community tradition. In the short space of the thirty odd years that I have known the Basilians what growth and changes there have been! I hope you will keep me on your list for future issues.

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William J. O'Meara  
January 4, 1957

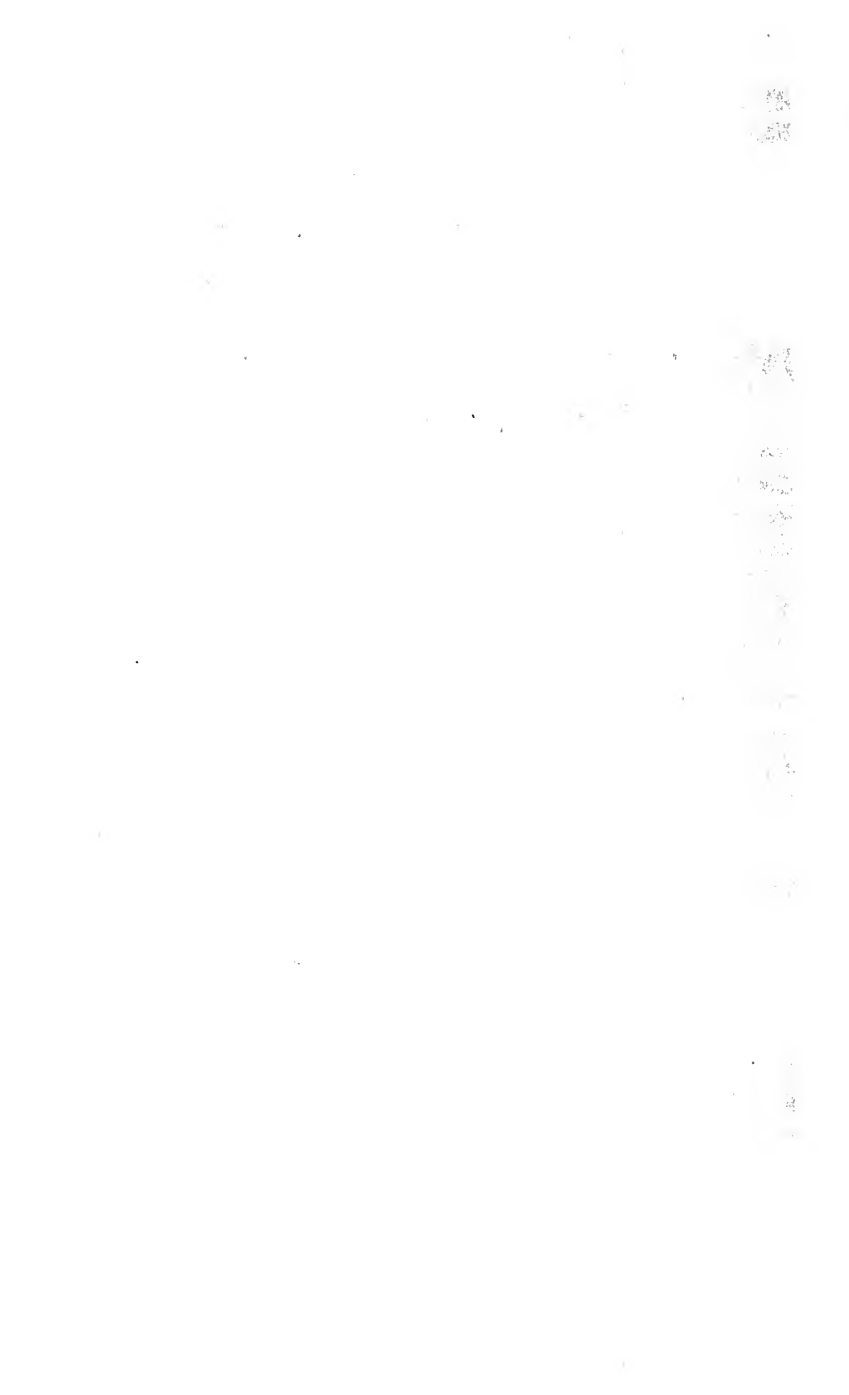
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All the best,

Yours,

Bill O'Meara

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William J. O'Meara  
May 5, 1957

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1224 East 57 St.,  
Chicago 37  
May 5th, 1957

Dear Father Scollard,

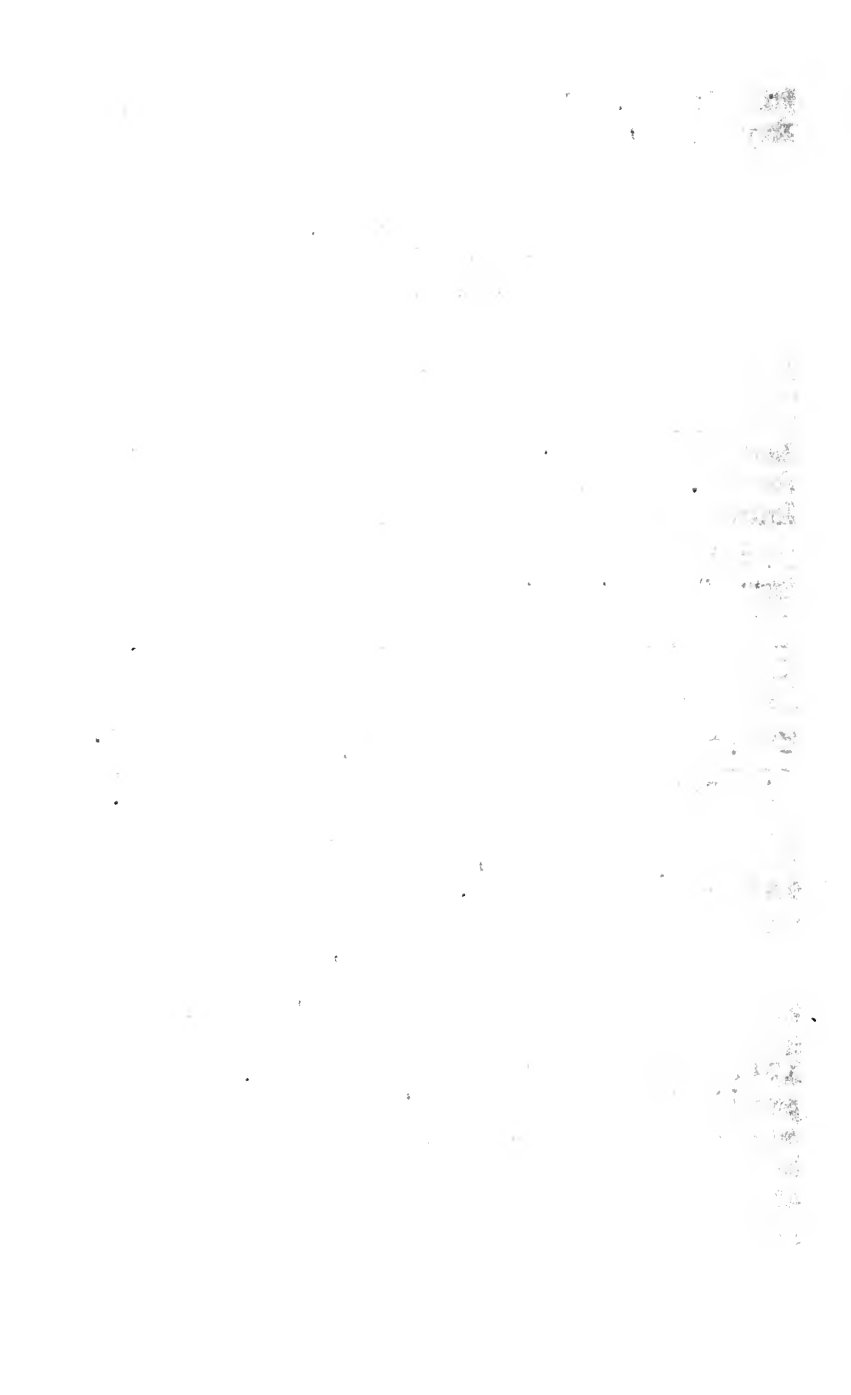
It was most thoughtful of you to send me the letter about Ed Hartmann's death. In our college days I think I knew him better than you did — no doubt in later years you came to know him better. Ed and I roomed together for one year and I came to admire his character and independence of spirit. I am sure that his example as much as his advice has been a great influence on his many students through the years. It is a very great loss for all of us, his friends and brothers in the order.

Again thanks, and with great sorrow in our loss,

Your friend,

Bill O'Meara.

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Vernon J. Bourke  
May 4, 1957

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Saint Louis University  
St. Louis 3, Missouri  
Department of Philosophy  
May 4, 1957

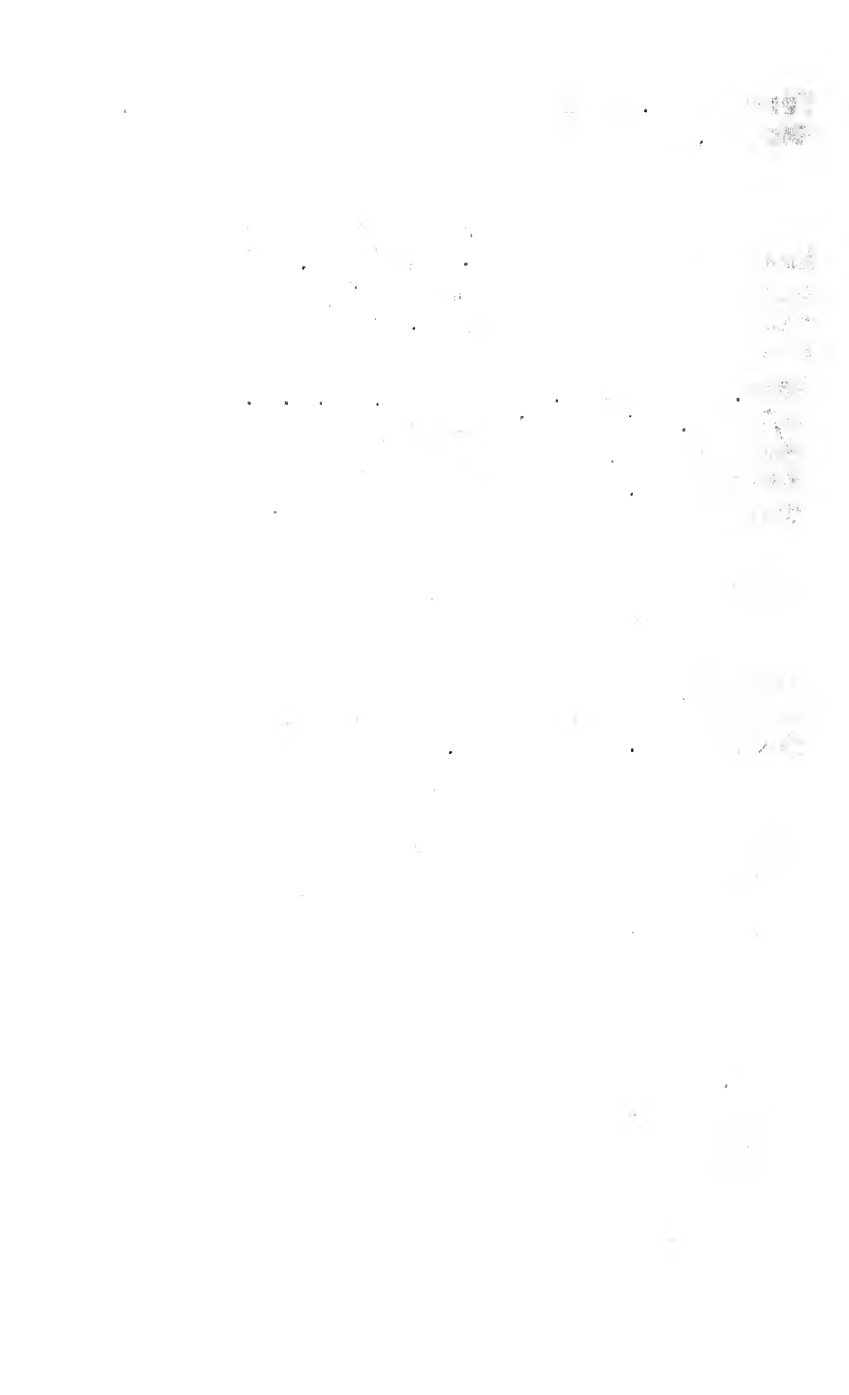
Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
c/o St. Michael's College  
Bay and St. Joseph Streets  
Toronto 5, Ontario  
Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

I want to thank you for your kindness in remembering to send me a notice of the sudden death of our classmate, Father Ed. Hartmann.

Ed was one of the most outstanding members of our class and my personal friend. I remember accompanying him to the novitiate when he first entered the Order.

I should like to ask you to arrange to have a Mass said for the repose of his soul, in the name of the Class of 1928, of which I am the permanent president. If you think it appropriate, could you send a notice of this remembrance to his nearest surviving relative? I enclose a donation for this purpose.



Vernon J. Bourke  
May 4, 1957

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I also note that Cyril McAlpine has been ill. I do hope that he will quickly recover. Msgr. Hanley is to visit me this month, when he comes to the meeting of the Catholic Press Association in St. Louis. If you ever find yourself on the way to Texas, or any other southern point, please remember that we would be delighted to have you stop over in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon J. Bourke.

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Mrs. Helen Hartmann  
May 21, 1957

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Brantford  
May 21st, 1957.

Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.

Rev. and Dear Father.

It is with a heart filled with deepest gratitude that I write to thank you for the wonderful sermon you preached at the funeral of my son, Father Hartmann.

It was so fitting that you, who was ordained with him, should preach the sermon. I have a copy of it before me as I write. I will treasure it while I live and will continue to read it when bowed down by a terrible grief: and it will be a great help to me in moments of deep sorrow.

God bless you Dear Father and may He grant you many years in His Service.

Gratefully yours

Helen Hartmann.

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Mrs. Helen Hartmann  
June 12, 1957

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HELEN HARTMANN  
59 Sheridan Street  
Brantford, Ontario  
June 12/57

Rev. Robert J. Scollard:

Dear Father,

Thank you very much for your kind letter. I have acknowledged the sympathy of the names you gave me in your letter.

It is very comforting to me in my great loss to know how many true friends we have in the many tokens of sympathy we have received, especially from the Basilian Fathers. We can not yet realize that Edward will not be here for his vacation, his very sudden passing was such a terrible shock that it has saddened our lives.

I will always feel greatly indebted to the Basilians, for the wonderful kindness shown us at the funeral. Thanking you again Dear Father for all you have done.

With deep gratitude

Helen Hartmann.

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Sister Marie-Xavier  
January 19, 1960

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Rosary House Convent  
Heavitree  
Exeter, England  
19th January 1960

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General  
Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5  
Canada.

Dear Reverend Father,

I come to thank you for the very kind letter you addressed to our dear Sister Anne-Marie. But I am sorry to say that this sister of Father Frank Rafferty died on the 20th October 1954. I should perhaps have notified you of her death. I was in communication with La Retraite St. Benoit and wrote to "Father Frank" because I promised our dear Sister I would keep in touch with her beloved brother. She died of cancer in the local hospital but I was there to receive her last breath. It was a very peaceful death after a long, edifying life. God rest her soul!

I was very pleased to receive this morning a letter from the Brother Director of Retraite St. Benoit, telling men that Father Rafferty had been anointed — particularly that he had recovered his mental faculties, answering



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all the prayers said by the Reverend Chaplain. He also received Holy Communion on January 13th (he had not received for many years). How glad and happy Sister Anne-Marie would have been to hear that! But I am sure she knows and will welcome him very soon in Heaven where she has been awaiting him for over three years.

The visit of the Reverend Superior General will have been a comfort for Father Rafferty. How kind of him to interrupt his visits to go to Montreal. God bless him.

Many thanks to Father <Frederick> Black (whom I met when he visited us in Exeter) and all good wishes to him and to you, Reverend Father, Secretary General. May I ask your good prayers for our many and urgent intentions.

With renewed thanks.

Yours sincerely in J. & M.

Sister Marie-Xavier.

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Sister Marie-Xavier  
February 5, 1960

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Rosary House Convent  
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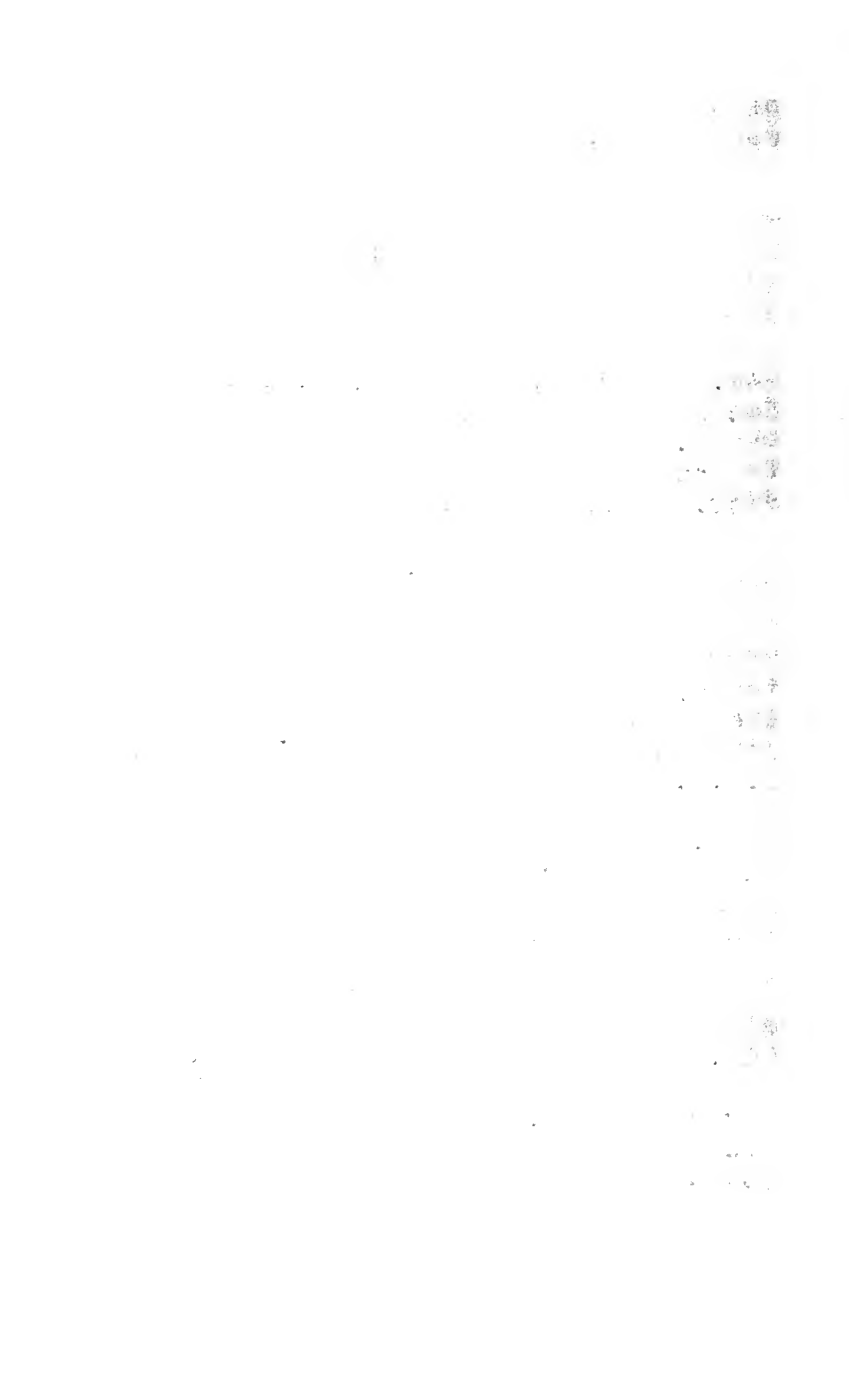
Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General, Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5  
Prov. Ont., Canada.

Dear Reverend Father,

I thank you most sincerely for your kind letter of January 30th enclosing a copy of the Circular sent to all the houses of your Congregation on the occasion of Father Rafferty's death. R.I.P. I was glad to know that the good Father will have 800 Masses and more. At my request the Holy Sacrifice will be offered here in our parochial church on Monday the 8th and Thursday 11th February.

I would think all the family and close relations are all gone before him. His mother died in 1922; his father in 1927 and our Sister Anne-Marie in 1954. That was all his family with a sister who died when a young girl. (before I knew the family).

I offer you and your Community our sincere sympathy — not on the death — but the long life of mental illness of





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the deceased. God's ways are mysterious, but we adore them and humbly submit. His long life, apparently useless, must have brought many blessings on your Congregation. It also teaches us lessons: the Religious has the hundred-fold in this world; God can do without the "highly talented". So gratitude to God and humility are the lessons I see.

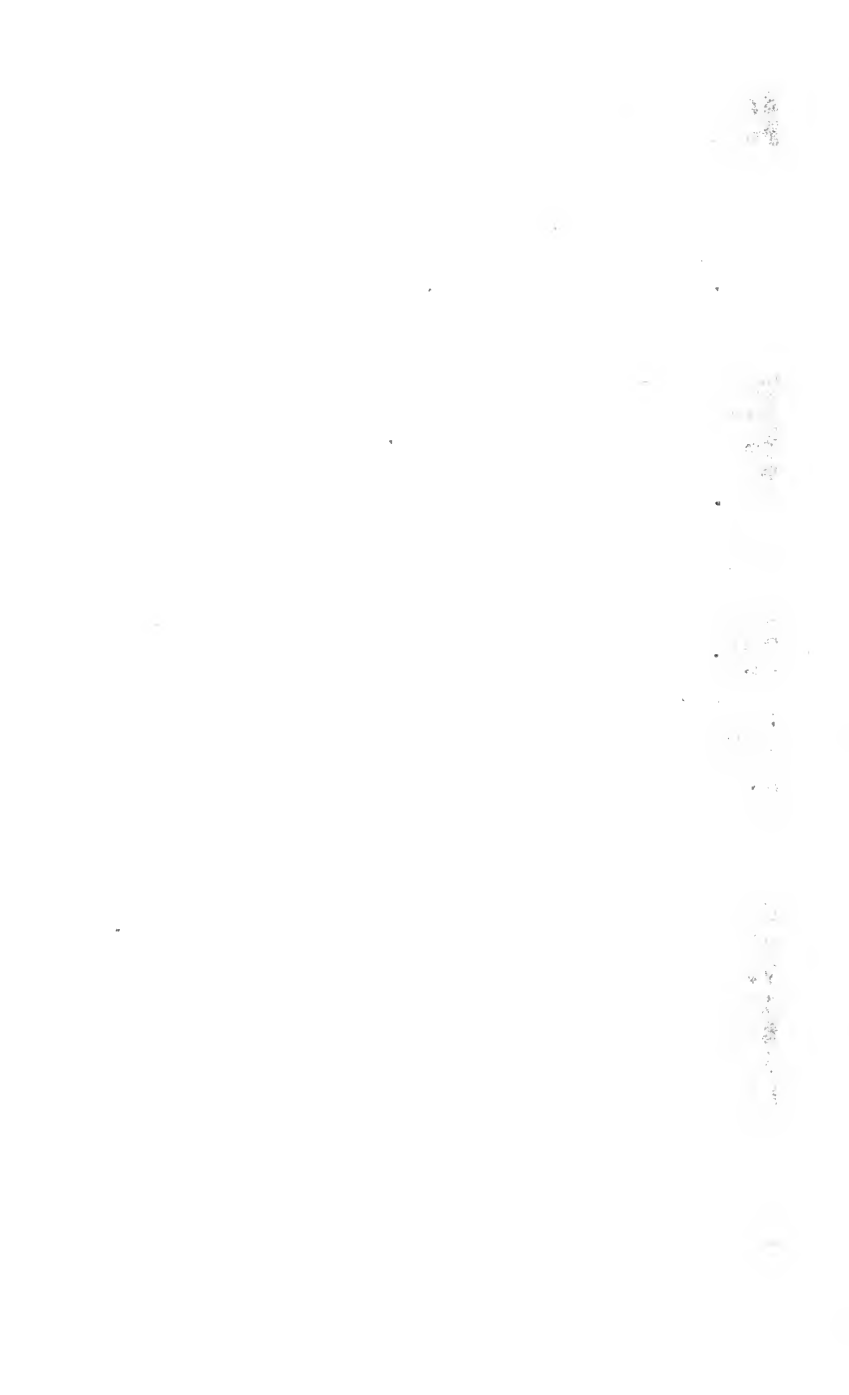
I wonder if your Fathers Roach and Carr will remember one who was probably with them at Beaconfield, Plymouth, Very Rev. Canon Isaac Cowd who died recently after a long illness. He was once a parish priest here at Heavitree and I recommend him to your charitable prayers.

Please pray also for

Yours respectfully

Sister Marie-Xavier.

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February 28, 1960

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Rosary House Convent  
Heavitree  
Exeter  
28th February 1960.

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General,  
The Basilian Fathers,  
Toronto 5.

Dear and Rev. Father,

I want to thank you for your kind letter, memorial cards and your vocational literature.

Our Sisters were glad to have Father Rafferty's memorial card and so were a few friends of our saintly Sister Anne Mary to whom I gave one.

I rejoice for and with our dear Sister for the grand funeral service given by, and in, his Community to her beloved "Father Frank". Father Black may have told you, at one time, she thought he might be neglected or abandoned by his Community. She is in heaven to witness it was not so! and I thank you in her name.

I found very interesting the leaflets you sent. I knew very little about the Basilian Fathers, except that they

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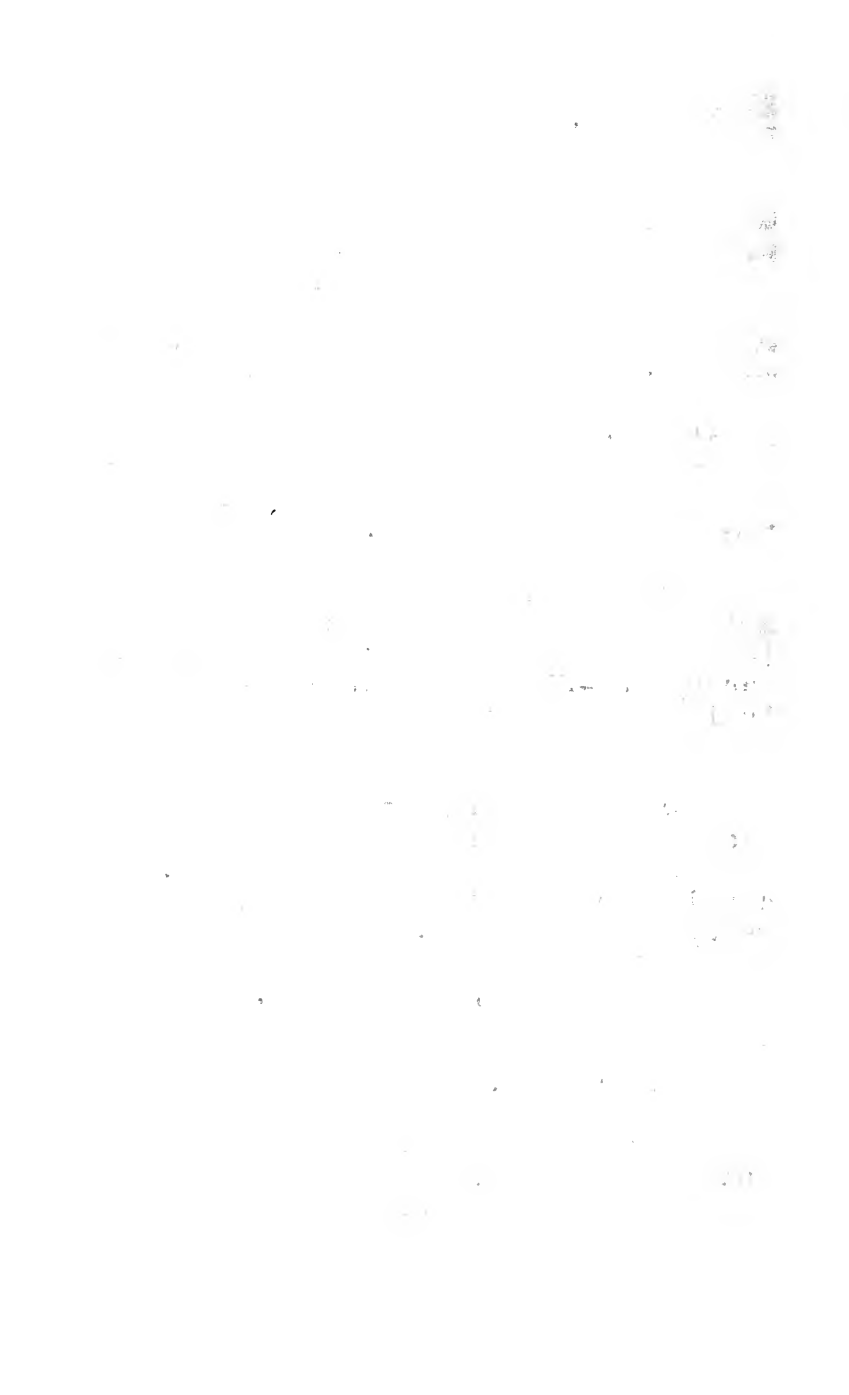
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were in Plymouth (40 miles from Exeter) and that it was through a Basilian, Father Aureille, that we came to Exeter some sixty-five years ago. Father Aureille was teaching in Plymouth and when the College was closed he returned to Annonay, France, where he taught until he met with accidental death (returning from Holy Land he fell out of the train). R.I.P. Four times a year a Mass is offered in our chapel for the repose of his soul.

It was also on Father Aureille's advice that in 1933 we went to Plymouth (not far from the Beaconfield College). For twenty-five years we had a flourishing school but for want of subjects we had to close it in 1958.

May I ask your good prayers and those of your dear Community that we may find good English postulants to continue our work here, begun, as it were, by a Basilian. Enclosed you will find a leaflet. You will note that our Congregation, like yours, was founded during the French Revolution, in the diocese of Viviers, encouraged by Mgr. d'Aviau.

Having this in common, let us join in prayer to ask the Master to send labourers to His Vineyard for "the



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February 28, 1960

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harvest is great, but the labourers  
are few."

With renewed thanks and all good  
wishes,

I remain, dear Rev. Father,

Yours respectfully,

Sister Marie-Xavier.

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Sister Marie-Xavier  
January 15, 1961

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Rosary House  
Heavitree, Exeter  
15th January 1961

Dear Reverend Father,

It was very kind of you to send a copy of the Basilian Annals with an obituary of Fr. Francis Rafferty. I thank you very much.

I did not see Father Rafferty many times, but I should think the sketch is very good: in the shape of the chin and nose there is a striking resemblance to our regretted Sister Anne-Mary. It would have been a great consolation for her to read the account given in the 1960 Basilian Annals; but it was God's will that she be in Heaven to welcome her beloved brother.

I rejoice to see how prosperous your work of apostolate in Canada and U.S.A. seems to be. It was an experience for the French Priests who went to the General Chapter! They must have been pleased to see such a wonderful number of Novices and Ordinations.

May you continue to prosper and promote the glory of God in America and may it please the Lord that one day you come back to England.

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May 1961 bring you many good vocations with God's abundant blessings.

Yours respectfully

Sister Marie-Xavier.

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Leslie M. Frost  
December 21, 1960

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Office of  
The Prime Minister &  
President of the Council  
Toronto, Ontario,  
December 21, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard:

Your very kind letter of the 13th instant is at hand and I thank you very much for the same. I reaffirm that Father Lajeunesse has done a very remarkable job for the Province and for the Champlain Society, for which he is deserving of the thanks of the people.

I may say that I am very much interested in your own relationship with the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. As I have said to Father Lajeunesse, I am very much interested indeed in the contribution that your Order and the Catholic societies and Church can make to the cause of history in our Province. As an historian you will well know that Ontario's history has started with most of us with perhaps the coming of the Loyalists. The fact is that there is and must be a great volume of unknown history lying between the destruction of Fort Ste. Marie and the coming of the Loyalists in the 1780's. During most of that period Ontario was part of New France.

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No doubt missions were maintained throughout the Province which have been long forgotten. Also that the trading companies operating from the now Province of Quebec carried on business throughout Ontario. Possibly somewhere there are maps and records of these events which have been forgotten and overlooked for the centuries which have intervened. I feel that there must be records of the Jesuits, the Recollects, the Franciscans and others which would be available if we could obtain the interest and the knowledge of such as yourself in the research which would be necessary. I have written to Father Lajeunesse along this line.

There, of course, is a very great deal more known of the history of Canada west of the Lakehead than of the old Province of Ontario. This comes from the fact that the Hudson Bay and Northwest Company records have been available. With the coming of the Loyalists, of course, their interest and our interest since has been confined to the new Ontario which started at that time. I think that research into the great period during which Ontario was part of New France has been probably neglected because of lack of interest. This is one of the things to which I should like to direct our attention. It is one of the things that makes the

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work of Father Lajeunesse so important. It seems to me that it is one of the first real efforts to reconstruct the past over which there has been a veil drawn for so many years, in fact so many centuries.

I wish you would give this consideration. You might have a chat with Father Lajeunesse about it. I may say that I would be very glad to provide the funds which would be necessary for such research. I have, at times, discussed the matter with Dr. K. Lamb and others. It is to this period I should very much like to direct our attention and efforts.

Many thanks for your very kind letter and the interest you have shown which is, I can assure you, very encouraging indeed.

Very sincerely yours,

Leslie M. Frost

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General  
The Basilian Fathers,  
95 St. Joseph Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

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Marget H.C. Meikleham  
May 31, 1962

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McMaster University  
Hamilton Ontario

Mills Memorial Library  
May 31, 1962.

Rev. R.J. Scollard,  
St. Basil's Seminary,  
95 St. Joseph Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

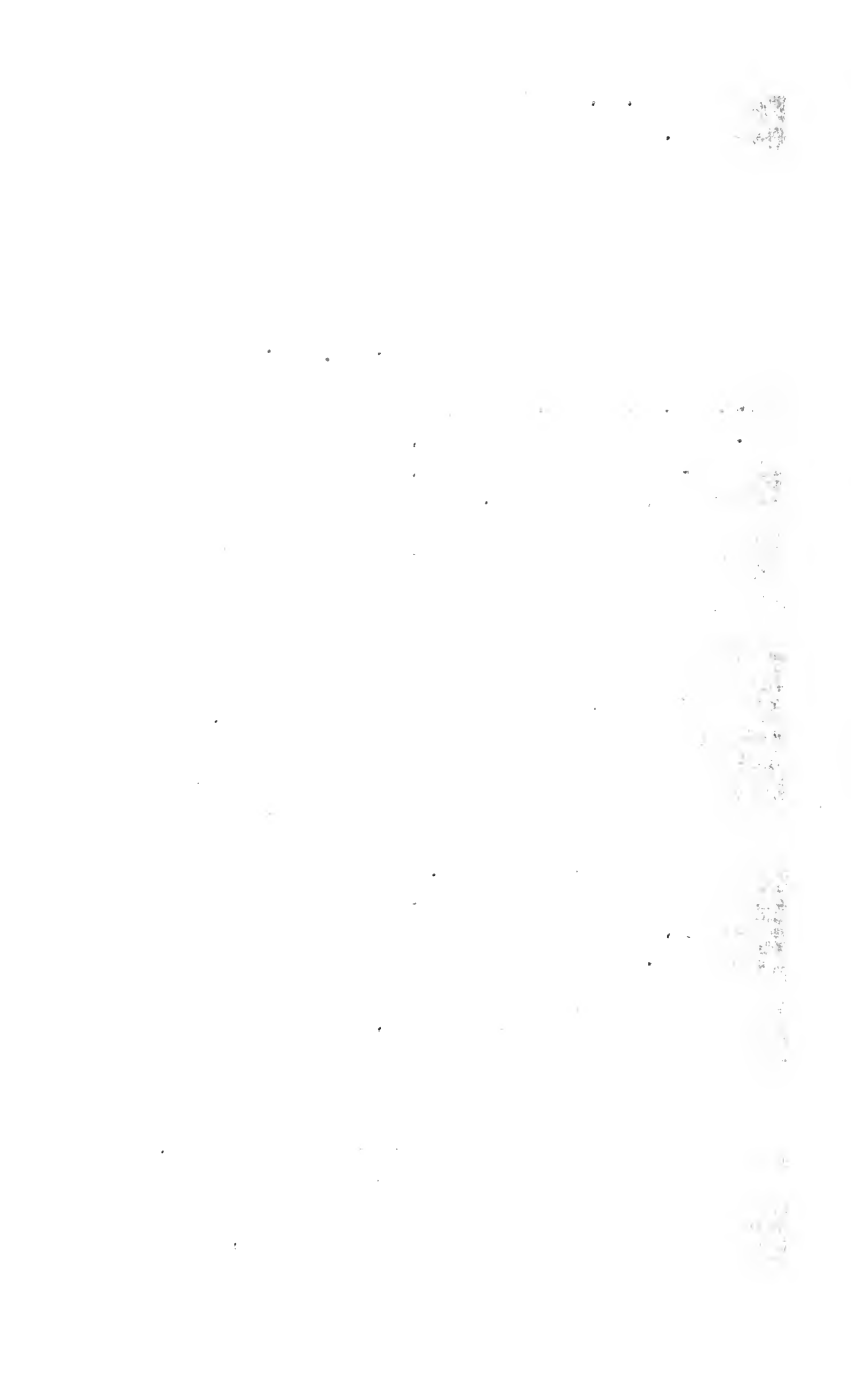
In January 1957 you kindly sent us a copy of your "Union List of Serials in the Basilian Libraries of the City of Toronto; preliminary edition, February 1957." We are now cataloguing the union lists that have reached us, and before cataloguing this list, I write to enquire whether a later edition has been issued. If so, we should appreciate receiving a copy. If there is a charge, please bill Mills Memorial Library.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

Marget H.C. Meikleham,  
Librarian.

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Father M.A. Killoran  
October 3, 1964

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Shrine of Ste. Anne  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48216  
October 3, 1964.

Dear Bob:

I wrote to Floyd's sister Stella to get some information about Floyd's early history. I am going to send you the letter as I got it. If this is of any value to you along with the information you already have, then the question is settled. If you would prefer for me to add more about his life in the Community then maybe we can add more. I hate to have too much chaff mixed in with the straw. I just don't know how long a ditty you need.

I also wrote to Fr. George Harrington in Chatham to see if he could furnish any historical matter on St. Thomas College. I know he would have a world of knowledge about anything and anyone from the Miramichi to Napan and from Bartibog to Bay de Vin. If I hear from him I will let you know.

There is nothing new going on here. Roger is going like a house on fire. every day is as exciting as if the threshing mill was coming to Killoran's to do the Fall's threshing. That was

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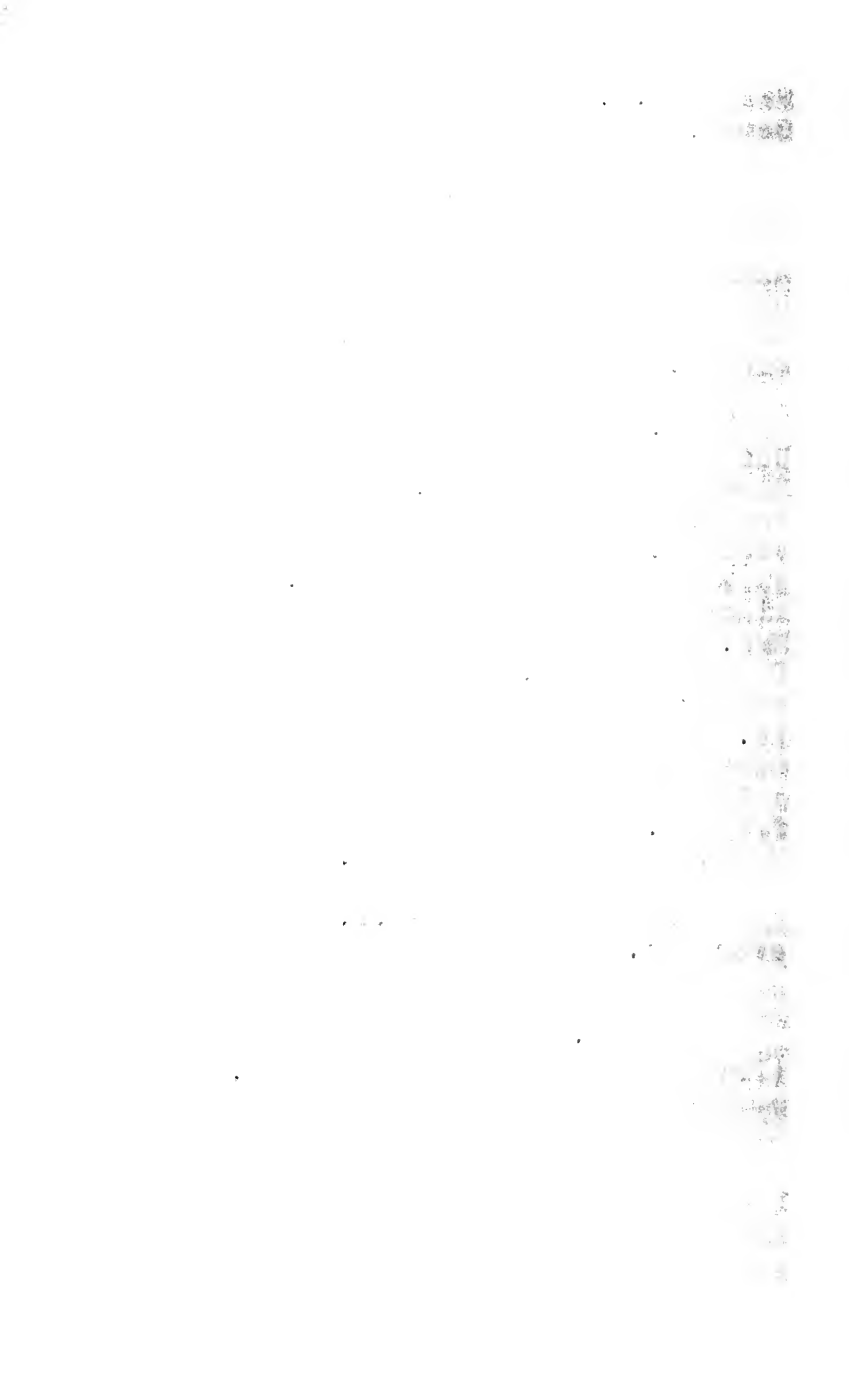
considered the busiest day of the year. The women had to cook for a crowd of hungry workers and the men had to keep up to the speed of the mill. There was to be "no idle men and no idle horses."

Fr. O'Loughlin seems to be very busy with many things. He reminds of Martha in the Gospel. I said in my report that we had seen him at May devotions. Now I am looking for him to appear for the Fall Assizes. He reminds me of Art Long at home who took Mrs. Culligan's figs she had made up for a medicine. He thought it was preserves and cleaned up on a big dish of it. He said he was kept on the run so much all day that any time he wasn't going to the backhouse he was coming from it. Ralph is either going to Monroe or coming from it.

Will say so long ... Best to everyone.

Matt

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Stella Crowley  
September 29, 1964

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Dear Fr Matt:-

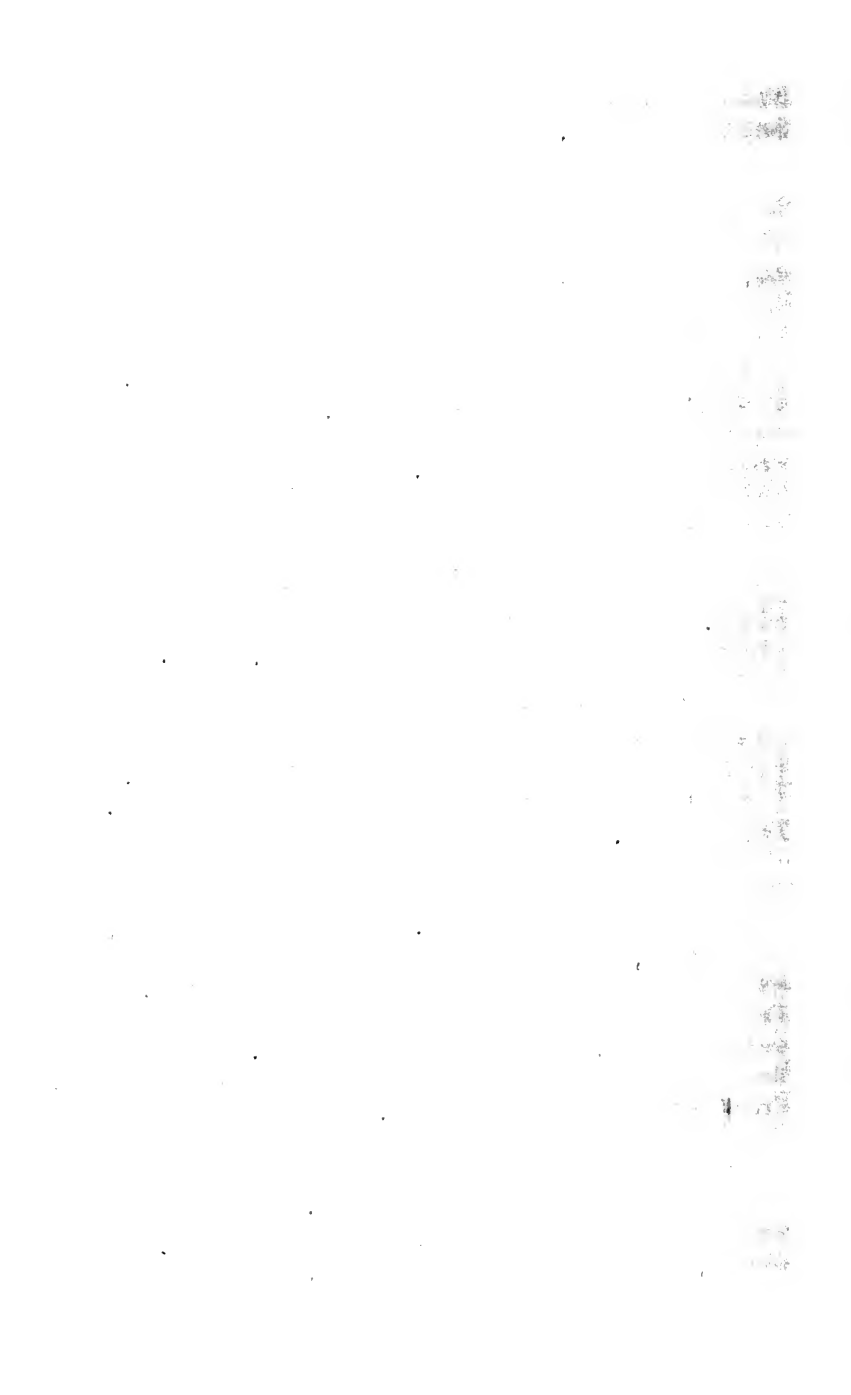
Sure was glad to receive your letter and especially on a rainy day. I don't mind living alone, but rainy days get me down and we have had several in a row now.

The boys used to live nearby and I could visit them, but about a month ago they both moved way outside the city. So I can't see them unless I plan to stay a couple of days, etc.

I had intended to write to ask you if you knew the name of the cemetery in Toronto where my mother is buried. I can't find the notation I had of it. Thank you.

I will give you a few things I can think of about Floyd. There are more, no doubt, but we never had too much excitement in our lives as you know. He was born in Loggieville and of course went to St. Thomas in Chatham. Then to Toronto — and good ol Strawberry Island. How he loved it there.

Summer vacations he worked for Loggies in the box factory. Mamma never cared for them, thought they didn't pay the summer boys enough, 75 ¢ a DAY.



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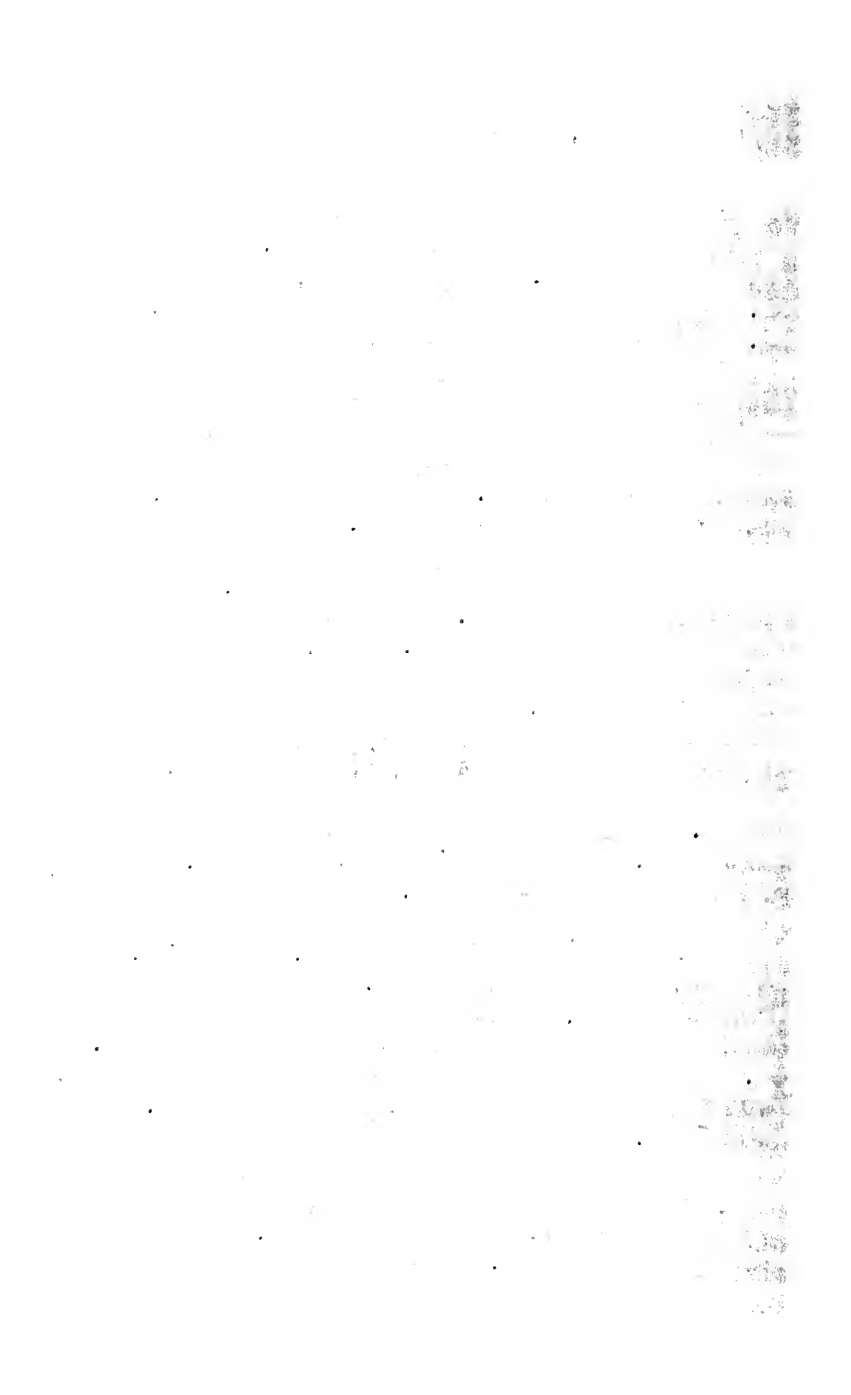
So when Floyd went for his first try at it she gave him his orders, 90 ¢ a day or nothing. He got on only because Mr. Loggie liked a boy with courage. Ha. Little did he know.

Then my father always went to Vermont — blueberry time — for canning. Floyd went for 2 summers — all the way to the United States. He enjoyed that, but he was about 16 then.

He was forever saying Mass, at the foot of the stairs. I and my dolls were the Congregation. This was against orders due to the fact of long lace curtains there. So he promised to be real careful but one day there was a wind — presto — curtains on fire. For the host he used 0 pieces of paper. I think I rec'd more Communions that way. I couldn't spit it out, that would be a mortal sin.

Before he went to work, however, he delivered newspapers. They came from Chicago, Philadelphia and New York — only on Saturday one week late. Ha. People bought them to get the comics. Favorite was Buster Brown & his dog. Remember!

Once on a rainy day we had a lovely new barn — horses downstairs, but nothing upstairs. So we went up there



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to play. He decided to saw a piece off a board. Fine. He opened the little door to put the piece of board out, then sawed it off but he was on the wrong end of the board. So went down with it. He sure was surprised but wasn't hurt.

Anyone ever gave him cookies or candy he always brought it home to me even if it was only one piece.

He did a lot of rabbit hunting and took the dog along, etc., but one day the dog strayed and then had to be shot. Nearly broke his heart.

Then he played baseball a lot, backyard of course, Lefty Louie.

I think the thing that hurt him most was they were just starting up the Boy Scouts. Of course that was strictly Protestant and none of the boys were allowed to join. But the Scout man came down from Chatham one evening a week and they drilled in our field. That's about all they did & a lecture, I guess, as he had to go back to Chatham on the 7 o'clock train. Floyd used to sit on the porch and watch them. Wasn't even allowed to sit on the grass outside the fence with some of the other boys. Mamma was very strict about many things. Should be more of that today.



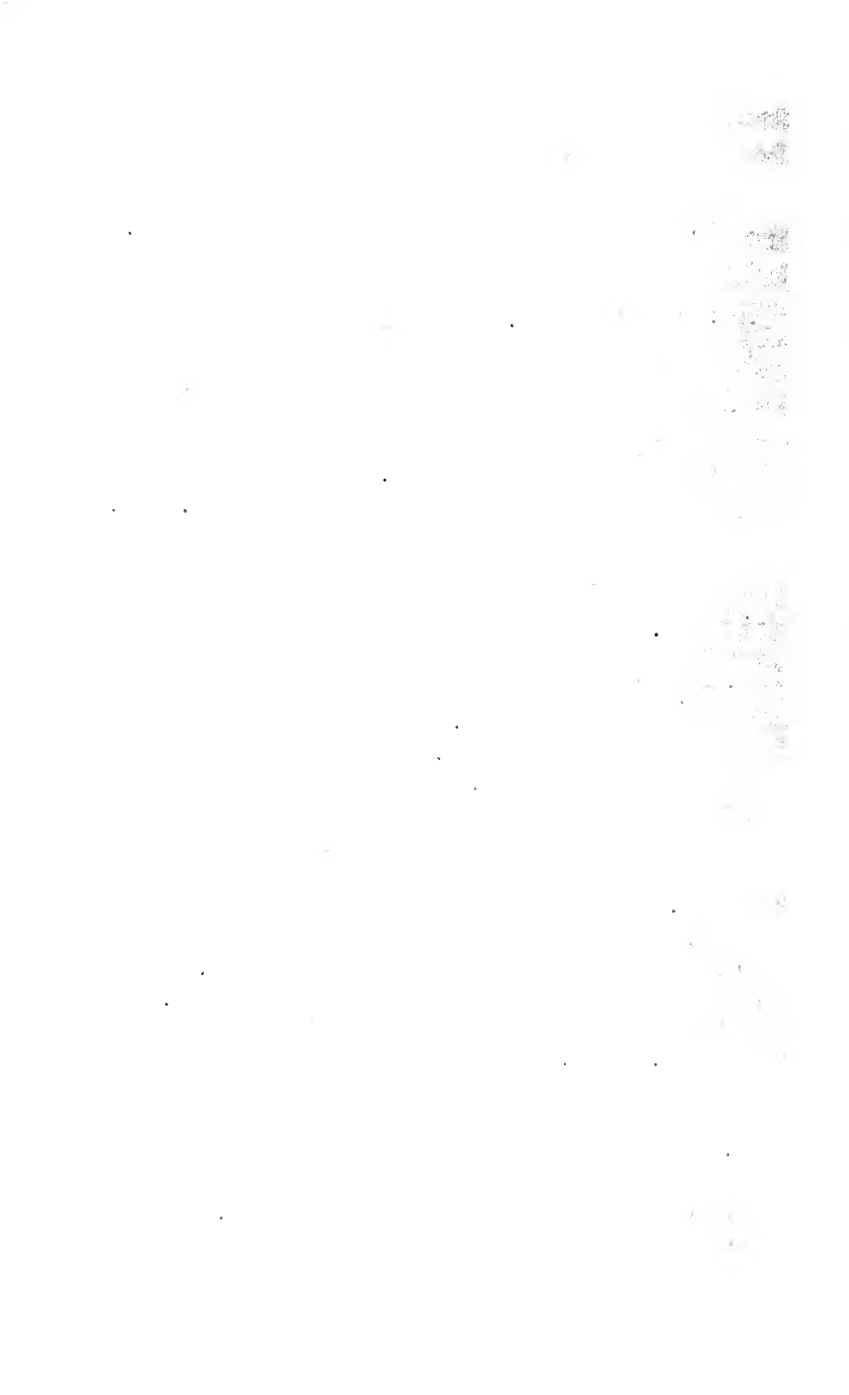
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One time we were in Chatham shopping. That meant we had to be ready to go back on the only trip the train made about 6 o'clock. Fine, but mamma suddenly discovered he had a handful of cranberries in his coat pocket, so he had to go back and put them in the cranberry box at the risk of all of us missing the train, etc. That was the beginning of my nervous breakdown. Ha.

There is one other thing in his later life but maybe you had better skip it. When Dru was home from the hospital with her first baby she had to stay in bed for a few days and so had a colored maid. They lived way out in the country then. So there was a knock on the door. The maid told Dru it was a priest and he said he was passing by & wondered if the lady of the house could hand him out a cup of coffee. Dru thought the maid had lost her mind until she looked out the bedroom window & recognized his car. I don't believe I would include that. He was always up to something as you are too. Ha.

Speaking of parishes going colored etc. Ours is 2/3 colored now and there are only 3 white families besides myself left on this little street. They look at me as much as to say -- When did you move into our neighborhood?





Stella Crowley  
September 29, 1964

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However, I have really good people on both sides of me. So I am not too worried about it yet and it is only about 25 min. ride for David to come over from Jersey after the noon Mass on Sunday for 3 or 4 hours.

Best wishes from all

Stella.

(Letter from Father Floyd Crowley's married sister, a widow, in Philadelphia to Father M.A. Killoran. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

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Walter B. Kerr  
September 28, 1964

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Saint Augustine's College  
Kingston Road  
Scarborough, Ontario  
September 28th. '64

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for the Guide.

Charlie and I did some discussion along this line and he helped me a good deal in trying to get guides for our Rule.

The booklet seems fine to me and we will aim at something along that line in the future.

I hope you will be able to get out soon to see the place. The comments are very favorable from the boys who have been out.

Thanks again, Bob, for your kindness.

Sincerely

Walter B. Kerr.

Reverend Father Robert J. Scollard, CSB  
Basilian Fathers,  
95 St. Joseph St., Toronto.

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Mrs. Florence Ronan  
November 12, 1964

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Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Toronto.

Rev. and dear Father Scollard.

Since your letter came I have been trying to find trace of letters by the Basilians you mentioned but with not much success. I have not given up yet, but in the meantime I found a relative of Fr. John Morrow who has an old scrap-book and this newspaper clipping, which I copied word for word was in it. No one seemed to know of John Morrow a Basilian and when this old scrap book gave some light of his existence, I thought I might as well copy it for you, though I am sure you would have record of all it contained — you might find it interesting. There are so many people here related to one another that I still have hope of finding some old letters, now that I have found out the connection of John Morrow whom no one seemed to know about.

(I am enjoying this research)

Sincerely

Florence Ronan.

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Mrs. Florence Ronan  
March 28, 1966

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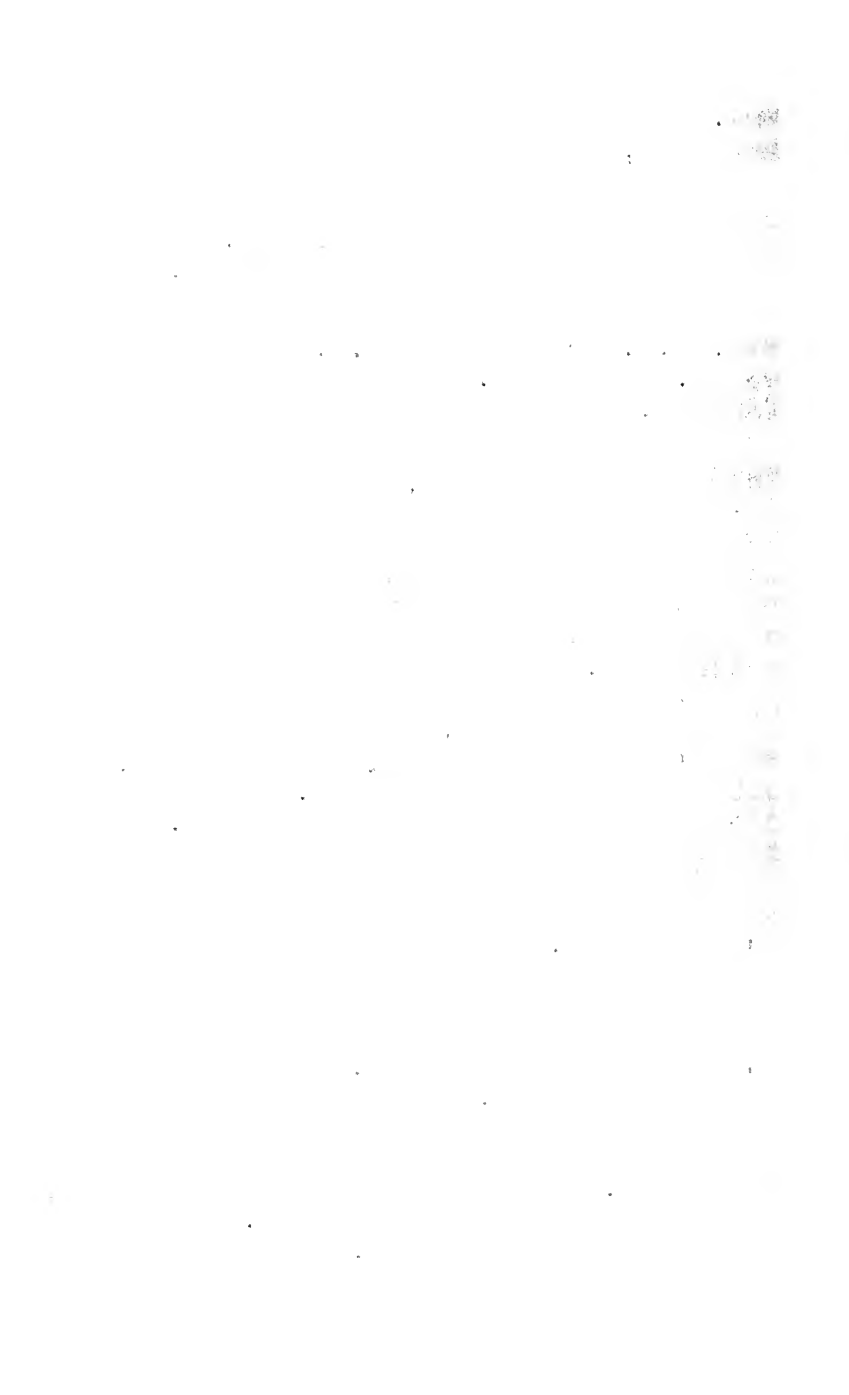
Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto.

Dear Father Scollard,

There has been quite a lapse since our last correspondence but I have not forgotten your request for facts from old letters. I have not been very successful.

A niece of Fr. Michael Kelly had many letters belonging to her mother, but would not release them. However she asked me to read some of them. They seemed to be all on his favorite topic — "Keep the boys on the farm" and I thought did not contain much to help your project.

This bit of information came from a niece of Father Tom Heydon — I am enclosing memorial card. Perhaps you already have one. Father Roach spoke at his funeral and said — "He had two loves — the violin and fine horses (driving). Also he was a great linguist, and was very fluent in French. He also had a very fine library. His parents (you likely know) were James Heydon and





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Catherine Ferguson, sister of Fr.  
Michael Ferguson, C.S.B.

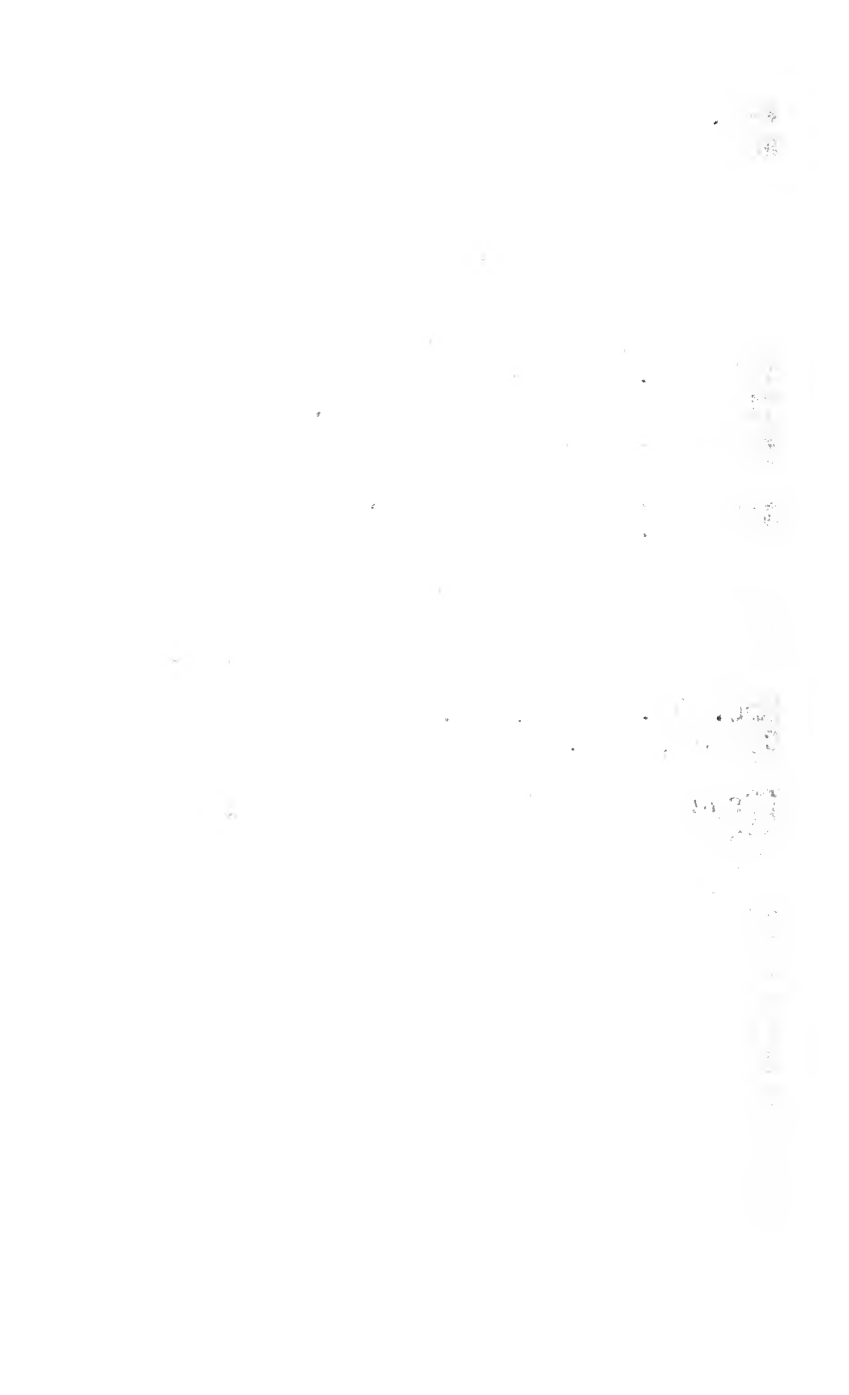
This seems to be the extent of my findings. Maybe I am not good at "research". I enjoy helping and may yet find something worthwhile. My husband's brother, Matthew Ronan, is being buried tomorrow. Please say a little prayer for him. We expect Fr. Edward for the funeral.

Sincerely yours

Florence Rona.

Mrs. Wm. Ronan, Sr.  
Colgan, Ont.

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Anthony Murphy  
November 10, 1964

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R.R. # 2  
Otterville, Ont.  
Nov. 10, 1964.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General, Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto 5, Ont.

Rev. and dear Father Scollard.

I am attempting at this time to prepare biographical sketches of the Priests &/or Religious from the Parish of Our Lady of La Salette, La Salette, Ont. Fr. <Wilfrid> Dwyer informs me that Father Francis Forster should be included as Simcoe was a mission of La Salette at the time of Father Forster's youth.

As an opener I am sending out the enclosed form in order to gain some of the basic information. I hope that you will consider this project worthy of the time and effort required to record the information which you have in your files for me. I would ask too that if you have accounts of Father's work, honours received, etc. that you will enclose copies of the same. I would be pleased to pay for having these copied as I would for a photograph.

Thanking you in advance,



Anthony Murphy  
November 10, 1964

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Respectfully yours

Anthony Murphy.

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Anthony Murphy  
November 17, 1964

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R.R. # 2  
Otterville, Ont.  
Nov. 17, 1964.

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
Secretary General  
Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto 5, Ont.

Rev. & dear Father Scollard,

It was indeed a delight to receive your letter & and the enclosed article on Father Forster. The only source of information I had re Father Forster was an article from "The Simcoe Reformer" entitled "Montreal Harbour Gives up Body of Reverend Father Forster." (Montreal May 9) p. 19

I shall however check the Parish Records for dates of Baptism and Confirmation. I shall also check with Simcoe High School as I understand that he attended class there.

Since you are a member of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association perhaps you could advise me as to possible sources of information re the Parish here at La Salette. The first church, St. Anthony's, was built here in 1853, & the parish was established as the first in Norfolk





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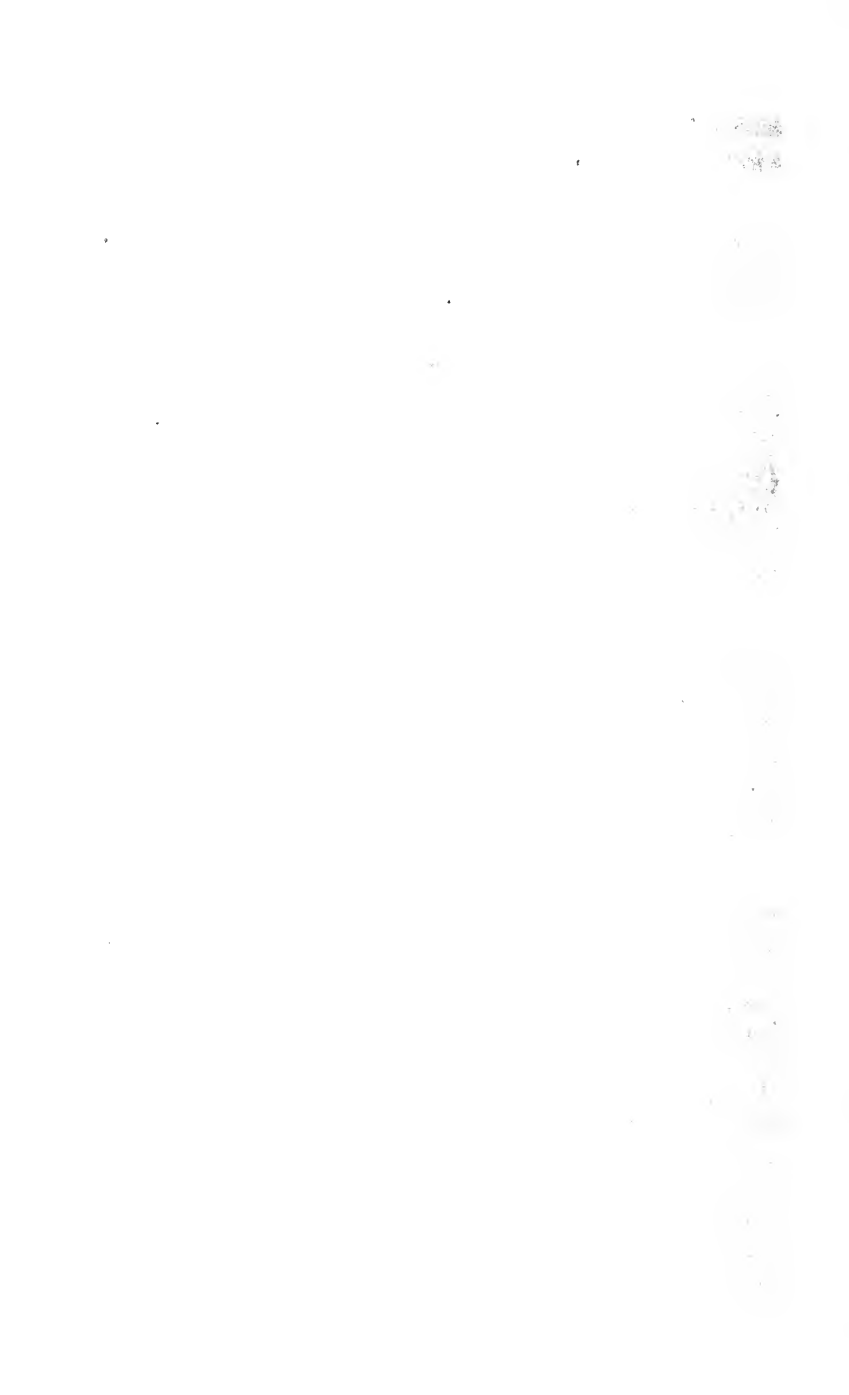
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County in 1860 by Bishop Pinsonneault,  
first Bishop of London & named Our  
Lady of La Salette.

With gratitude,

Anthony Murphy.

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general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers)



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April 8, 1965

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R.R. # 2  
Otterville, Ont.  
April 8, 1965.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General  
Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto, Ont.

Rev. & Dear Fr. Scollard,

Once again I write asking assistance in our project of preparing brief biographies of the vocations to the Priesthood from this Parish. The co-operation & assistance afforded me in this matter continues to be most encouraging.

While I have searched our parish records, (i.e. those of La Salette) I can find no reference to Fr. Forster. I expected to find his baptism, first communion & confirmation registered here but there is no such registration. Perhaps this is due to the fact that Simcoe was a mission of La Salette or to a fire which I understand occurred here & resulted in the loss of some of the records. I have also contacted many families who knew of the Forsters but this has not been very helpful in establishing dates, etc. re Father's baptism, etc.

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Perhaps Father you could assist me in establishing the information suggested on the enclosed sheet.

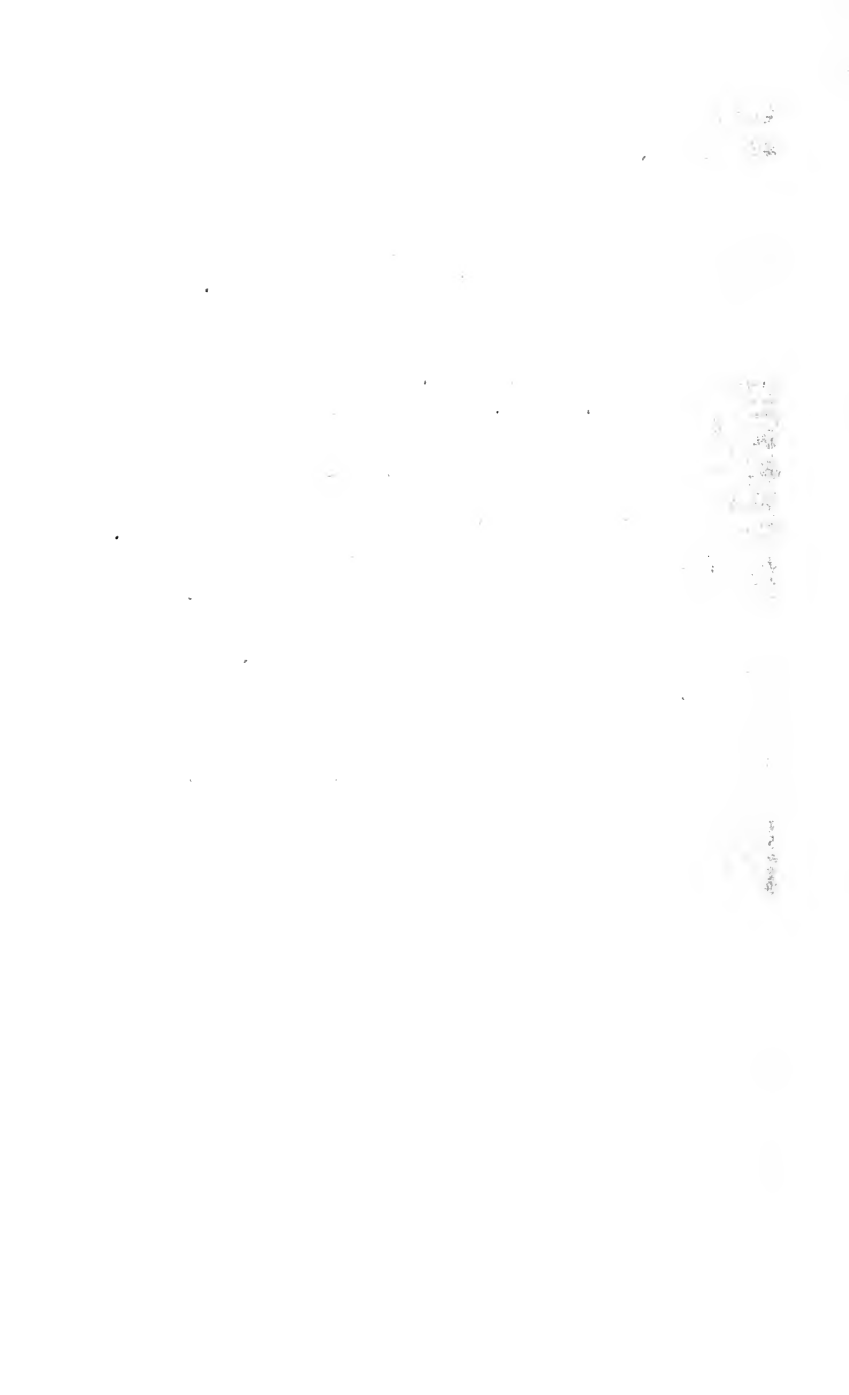
As yet I have not been able to locate a phot of Fr. Forster or his brother Fr. Dan. Forster. If you have such perhaps you could have a copy made and send me such. I have been able to have copies (about 7" x 5") made by 'Mercury' for about 85 ¢ ea. I would be only too pleased to reimburse you for any such expense.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly

Anthony F. Murphy.

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L.J. Austin  
October 7, 1963

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St. John the Evangelist Church  
900 Gifford Street  
Whitby, Ontario  
October 7th, 1963.

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
Secretary General,  
The Basilian Fathers,  
95 St. Joseph Street,  
TORONTO 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

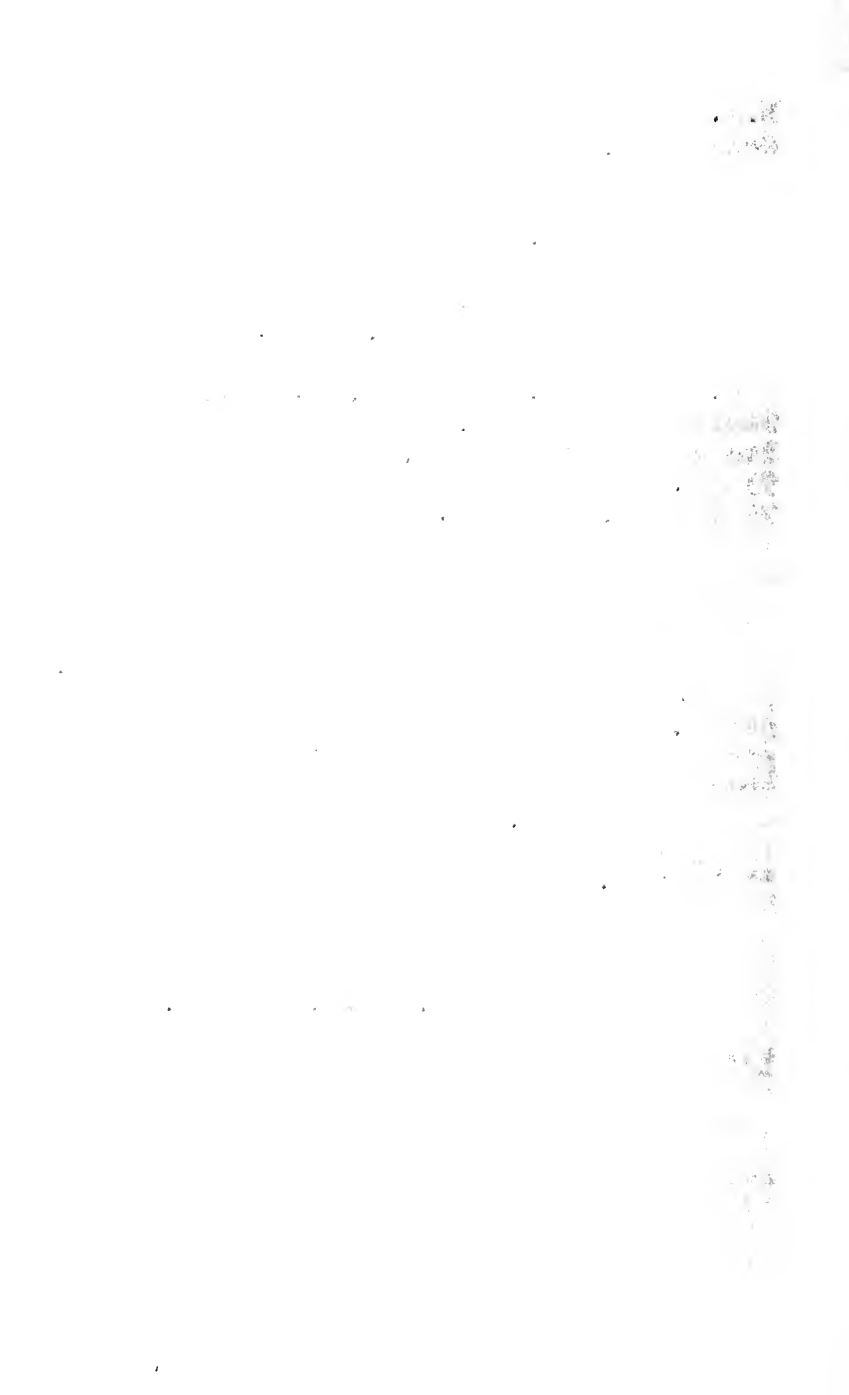
I received your letter and the short life of Archbishop Denis O'Connor. I wish to thank you for your correspondence. We are still searching for a good picture of the Archbishop in order to reproduce it in colours for our new school. If I have any further information on his life I will forward it to you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

(Rev.) L.J. Austin.

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Michael V. Gannon  
January 4, 1965

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Mission of Nombres de Dios  
America's Oldest Mission-1565  
Saint Augustine, Florida  
January 4, 1965

The Reverend Father Robert J. Scollard,  
Secretary General C.S.B.  
The Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for your very interesting letter about my biography of Bishop Verot. I was pleased to learn that you enjoyed it.

I am grateful for the information about Abbe Chomel's book on the College at Annonay. I wish that I had known about this work — and about Father Roume's more recent researches — at the time that I was working on Verot. I particularly could have used that bit about Verot's inability to compete for the good conduct prize!

I shall keep your letter at hand and, when the chance comes, I shall correspond with Father Roume. I shall also keep a lookout for information about Father J.P. Famy; a quick look



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January 4, 1965

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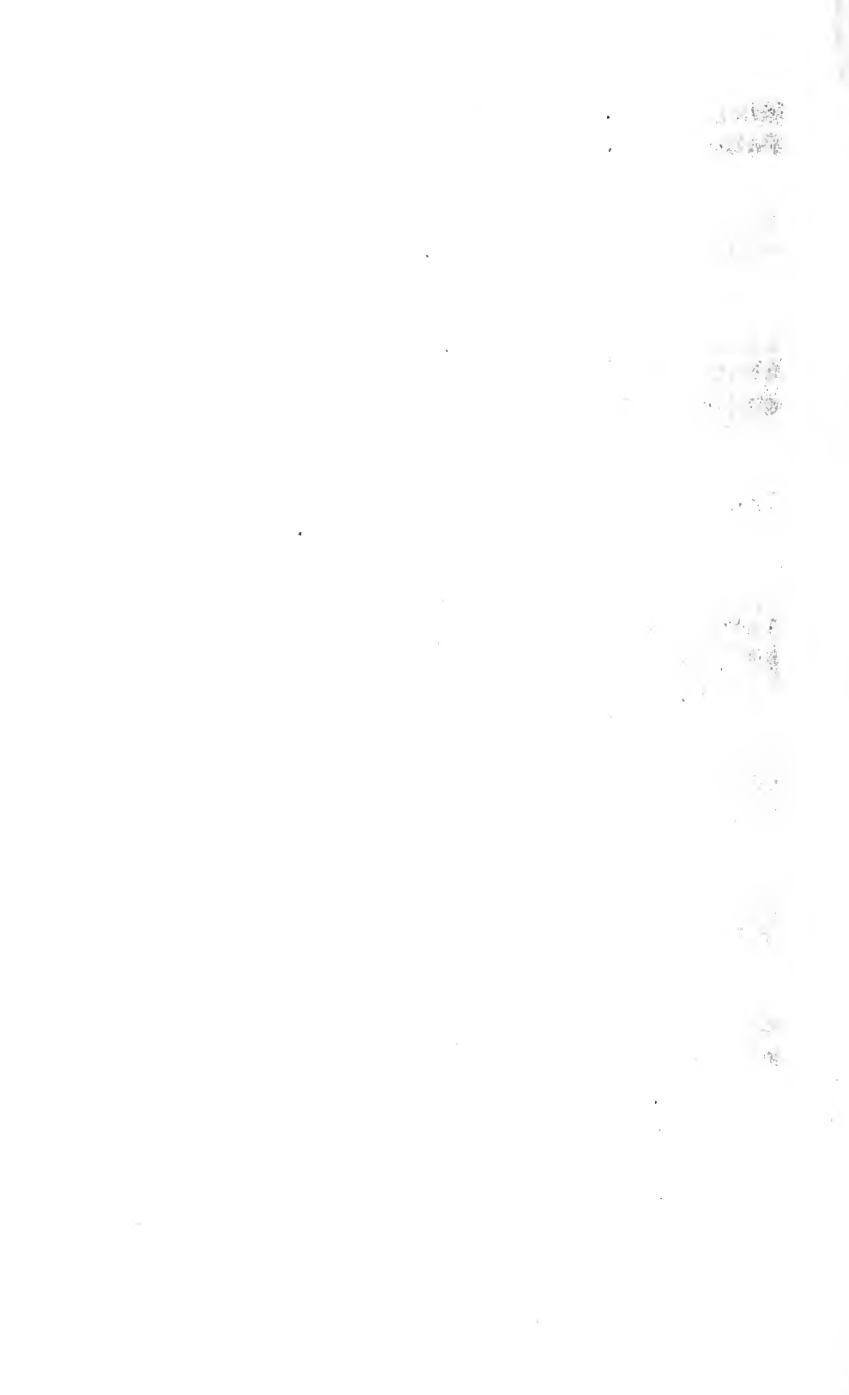
through our archives index shows no mention of his name.

With thanks to you again for your informative letter, and with hopes that you and your congregation will enjoy a blessed New Year, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Father) Michael V. Gannon  
Director

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Mrs. D. Ambrose MacDonald  
February 8, 1965

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St. Andrews West, Ont.  
Feb 8, 1965

Rev. Father Superior  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Rev. Father

I've been asked to get the names of all the priests who have been born in and ministered in this parish since it started which was in 1774.

I'm sending you a list of names and would it be possible to get some data on them and if I have left any names out.

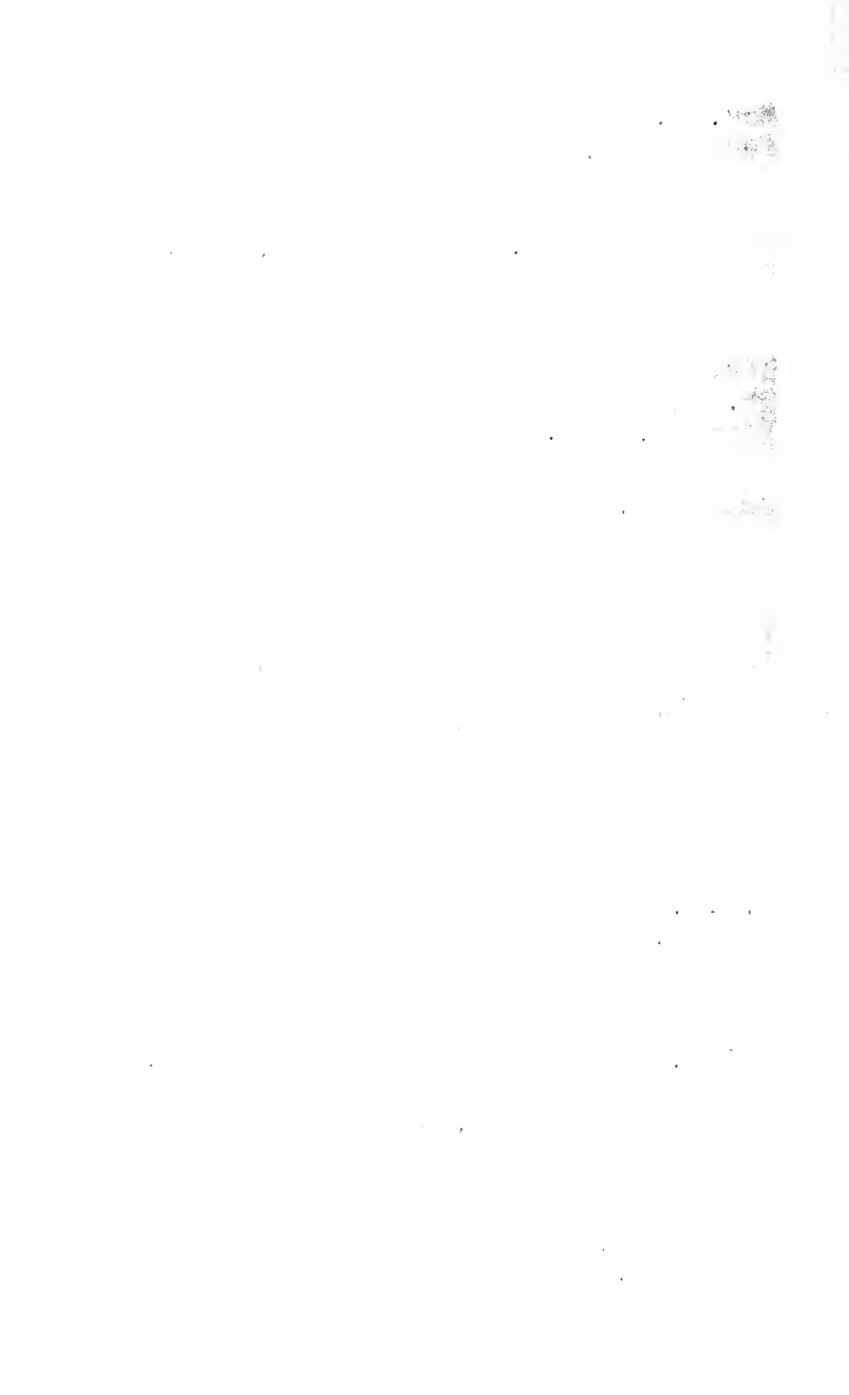
I am making a scrap book for the C.W.L. and should have it ready for Spring.

Please excuse writing as I've had the misfortune to break my left wrist. It is so awkward in a cast.

Thanking you, I am

Yours sincerely

(Mrs.) Marcella MacDonald  
Press & Publicity Convenor



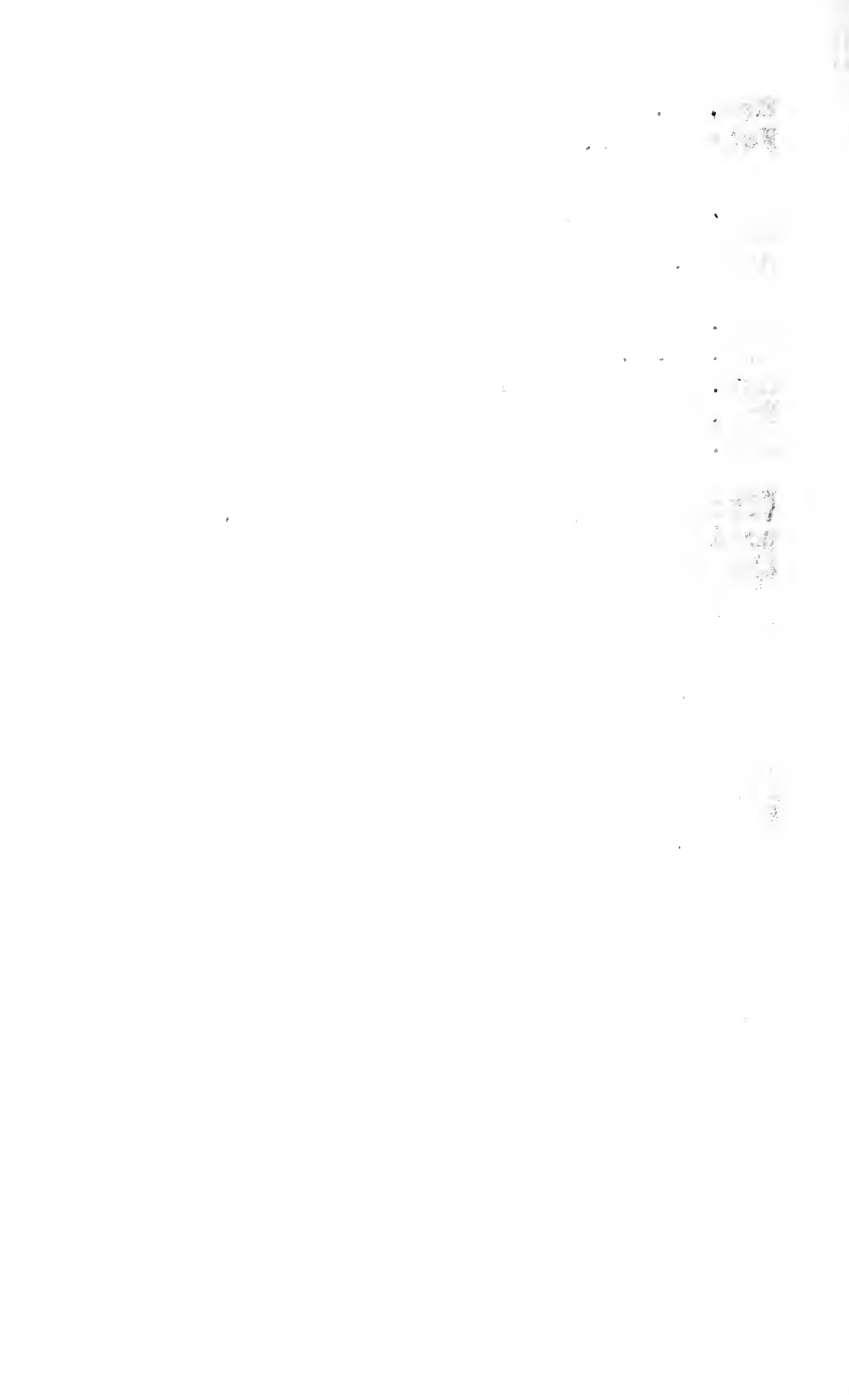
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Stamped envelope enclosed and list of names.

Rev. Andrew Maloney  
Rev. T.P. McLaughlin  
Rev. John Redmond McLaughlin (deceased)  
Rev. Thomas McGillis  
Rev. Kenneth O'Keefe

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Donald J. McNeill  
February 16, 1965

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St. Michael's College  
Bay and St. Joseph Sts.  
Toronto 5, Canada  
Feb. 16th/65

My dear Fr. Scollard:-

I've tried to supply the data Mrs. MacDonald is here requesting but just haven't got the "documents" — presumably annals for God-knows-when. Does this fall within your jurisdiction or shall I just put her off with a few vague facts, and hope for the best?

Don

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Vernon J. Bourke  
September 24, 1965

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7229 Forsythe  
St. Louis, Missouri  
September 24, 1965

Dear Father Bob:

Your letter of the ninth was waiting for me on my return yesterday from the Thomistic Congress in Rome. I was certainly glad to hear from you, even though the news about Gibbons' death was depressing. I don't remember him very well but I guess he took a lot of science courses and was not in many classes with us.

I see Father Ed Garvey nearly every summer because we have a summer cottage at Goderich and his family home is nearby, at Kingsbridge. We had a game of golf and a swim together this summer. He seems glad to be back in Toronto but is still mad about what he regards as the Basilian abandonment of the former Assumption U. I know a couple of Windsor men who are on the advisory council of Windsor U. and they seem to think that it is now being well run.

It was sad to learn too of the death of Msgr. Phelan. He had worked with me over the years as an editor of



Vernon J. Bourke  
September 24, 1965

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the Christian Wisdom Series for the Macmillan Co. I think it was unfortunate that Phelan ever went to Notre Dame from Toronto.

Father McCorkell wrote me about a year ago concerning a memorial volume in honor of Father Carr. I never heard whether he had done anything more on it.

If you are ever able to get over to western Ontario in the summer, be sure to phone us (our number is in the Goderich phone book) and come to see our cottage. You would be welcome at any time.

Cordially yours,

Vernon Bourke

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Mrs. E. McGaffey  
May 17, 1966

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The Library  
University of Windsor  
Windsor, Ontario.  
May 17, 1966.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
200 Russell Hill Road  
Toronto 7, Ontario.

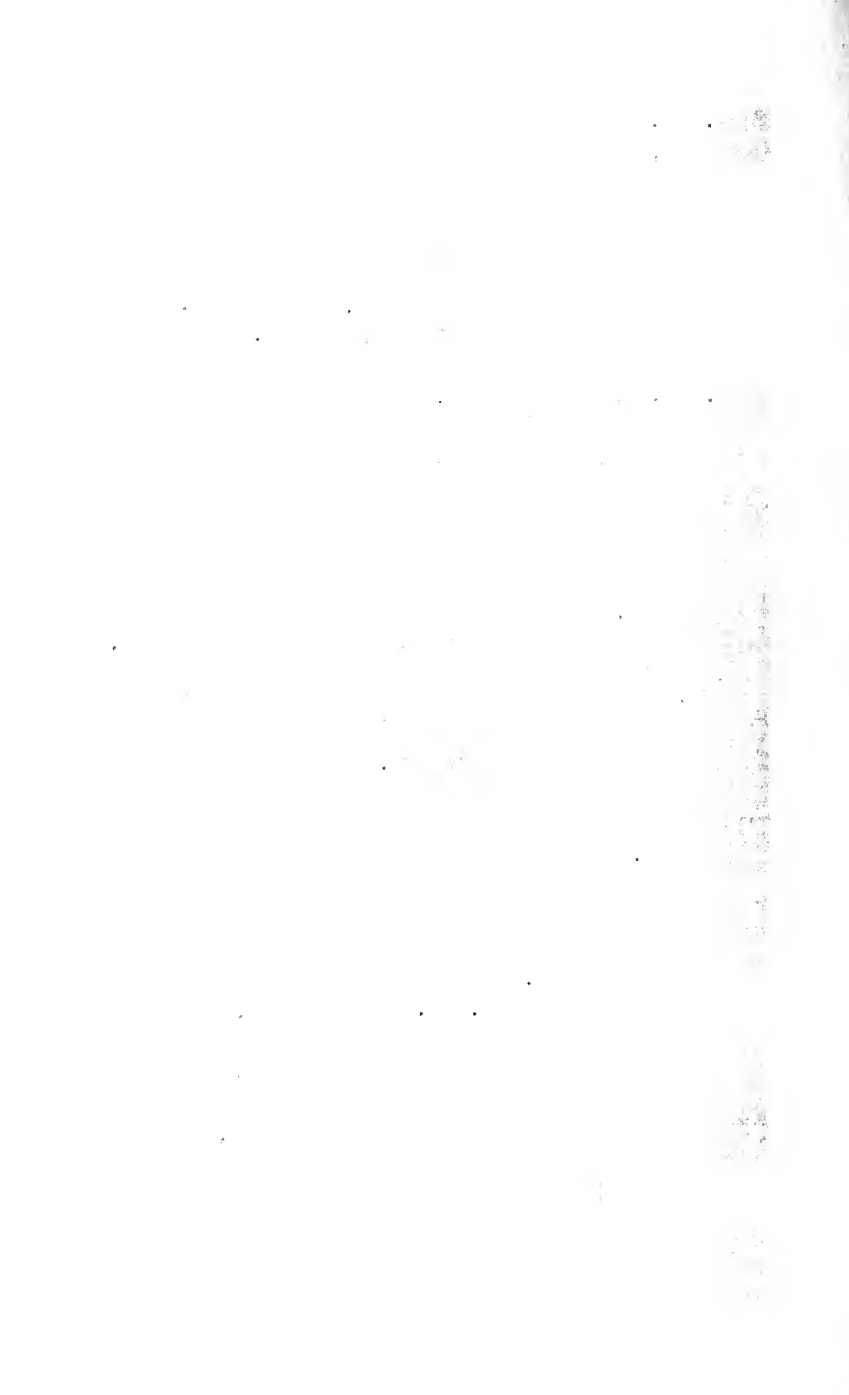
Dear Father;

We have the Alumni Times from Volume 1, 1956 to date; also the Ambassador Year Book, (from 1939 on), scrap books covering from 1950 to date and copies of the Purple and White (now called the Lance) the school paper from the mid twenties. I would be very pleased if I can supply you with any further information or assist in any way.

Yours truly

E. McGaffey  
(Mrs. E. McGaffey,  
Humanities and Social  
Sciences Division.

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Sister M. Ruth  
October 31, 1966

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Loretto Convent,  
136—106th Street,  
Saskatoon, Sask.,  
Oct. 31, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

I am a graduate student in the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, studying for a master's degree in the department of Educational Foundations. For my thesis I have been seriously considering writing about Father H. Carr and his contribution to Canadian Education as an institutional educator and pioneer. I have discussed this with Father J. O'Donnell here in Saskatoon and he has given me much encouragement. I graduated from St. Thomas More prior to entering Loretto and took my first year philosophy class from Fr. Carr the last year that he was principal of S.T.M.

Father O'Donnell suggested that you would be able to help me and possibly make primary sources of information available to me — hence this letter.

It is fortunate, Father, that I shall be in Toronto at Loretto Abbey on November 10, 11 and 12th of next week to work on a commission for our

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Sister M. Ruth  
October 31, 1966

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coming General Chapter. While there I should like to have the opportunity to speak to you personally about this thesis on Father Carr, so I shall take the liberty to phone you after I arrive in Toronto to find out if, and when, it will be convenient for you to have me come up.

Perhaps you may also have some suggestions and advice to offer me regarding limiting the area and/or point of view taken of Fr Carr's contribution to Canadian Education. I shall be most grateful for any. At present my chief concern is getting sufficient primary source material, and secondary source, to satisfy my study requirement for such a thesis.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Sister M.Ruth, I.BVM.

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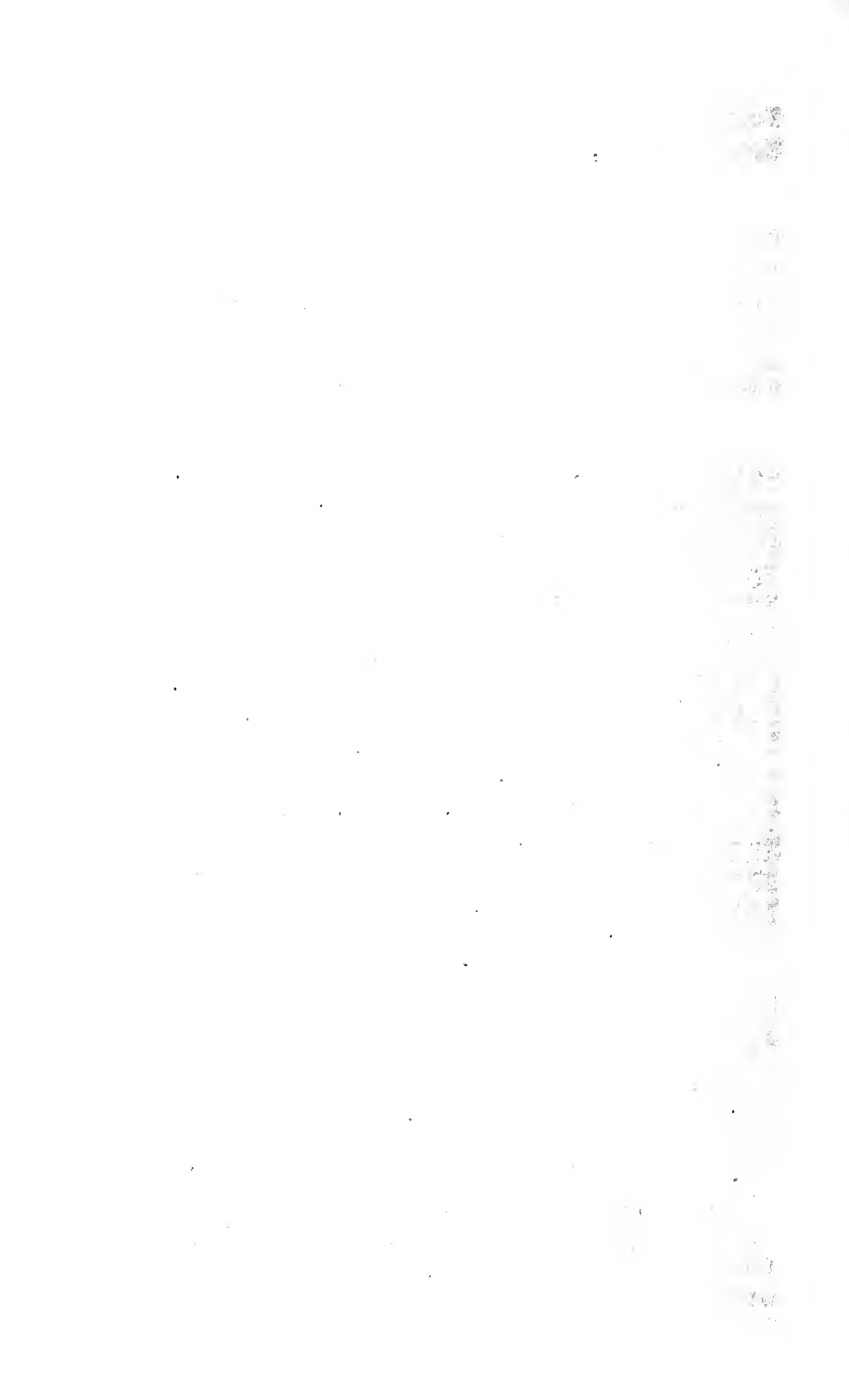
80 Ingraham Place  
Newark, New Jersey  
November 4, 1944

Reverend and dear Father:

Thank you for your letter of October 6th, and for the material, sent under separate cover. Both will be most helpful. Enclosed is a check to cover the cost of the mailing of the material.

As you requested, I am returning the manuscript, and the catalogue. I have made transcripts of both. If it is not too much trouble, may I ask for a bit more help. Are there catalogues for the years 1889, 1890, 1891? I shall not need these, but I would appreciate knowing if Father Duffy is listed among the faculty in these particular years, and if so, what subject he taught for each of the years.

I am very much interested to learn of the home of Sir George Ross because I think it will make for a good touch of local color. Not knowing the points of the compass in relation to St. Michael's College, I am puzzled to visualize the home. If I were standing at the entrance of St. Michael's, and facing the entrance, would the home have been on my right?



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November 4, 1944

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Also, you say Father Duffy had a room with a southern exposure. Did his room then face the University of Toronto? Do you know what he might have been able to see from that room? Was it on the third floor?

If you can answer these questions without too much trouble I'll be most grateful. Maybe I could get straightened out a good bit if you would be so kind as to give me the points of the compass with relation to the college. All these little details may seem highly trivial, but they all make for a sense of reality, that I hope to achieve.

It was very good of you to offer to proof read the sections on St. Michael's. You may be assured that I shall take advantage of this when I have completed the writing.

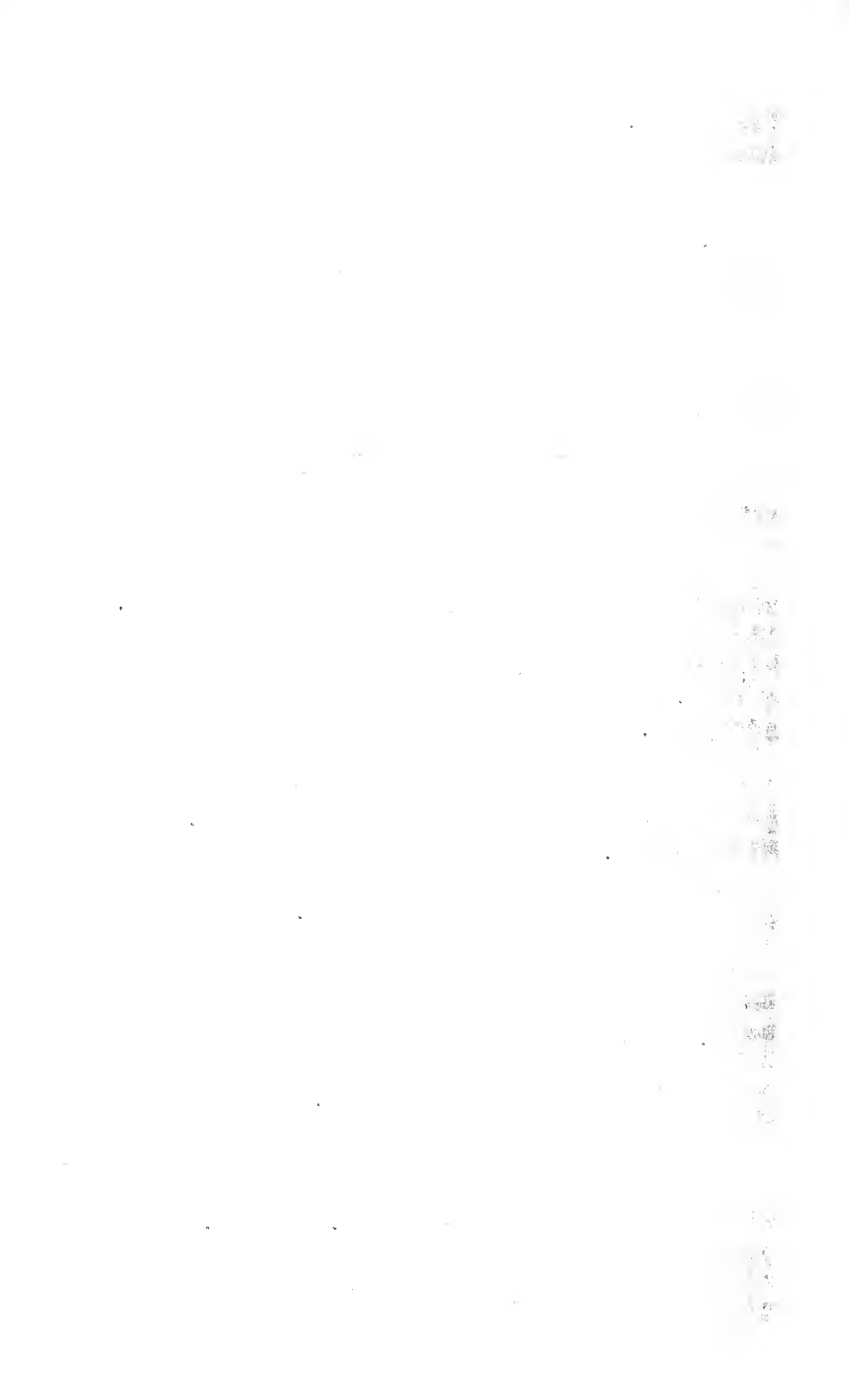
Please remember me to Father Ryan. How fortunate for me that he asked your help, too.

With every good wish,

Very respectfully yours,

Teresa R. Varni.

(Transcribed from the original in the archives of St. Michael's College, Toronto)





Teresa R. Varni  
August 15, 1948

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Miss Teresa Rita Varni  
80 Ingraham Place  
Newark, New Jersey  
8/15/48

Reverend and dear Father,

Thank you for your recent letter and the enclosures. I'm very grateful.

I have long been puzzled by the question as to whether, or not, Father Duffy received an A.B. degree from St. Michael's, or, if not, from the University of Toronto. The Dictionary of American Biography states that he did. It is worded rather confusedly, but it seems to indicate the degree was from the University of Toronto. Father Duffy was in St. Michael's 1888-1893.

Information from St. Francis Xavier's in New York states that he received an M.A. degree from that institution in 1894. If this is so, he must have had an A.B. degree first. Is there any record at St. Michael's, or would you advise my writing to the University of Toronto?

Another point has come up. It may seem inconsequential, yet I had just finished a re-draft on the chapter on St. Michael's College emphasizing that affiliation was initiated by the

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priests there. The bulletin you sent seems to stress that the first advances were made by the University of Toronto. This appears to contradict the impression made by Father Carr, C.S.B., in his article on Father Teefty. He makes a point of the initiative being taken by the French priests.

It is my belief that a college exercises many types of influence on students. I had always felt that Father Duffy had obtained some of his progressive attitudes toward people and toward education from St. Michael's. I was making a point of the fact that St. Michael's had the vision to wish for affiliation. Now it seems I am wrong.

Which source do you think comes nearer the turth — the bulletin, or the article on Father Teefty?

Also can you make any suggestions for further reading that would give me a true picture of the influence exerted by St. Michael's?

Any help will be very much appreciated. You have given me splendid help in all this. I am grateful for it and for your patience.

I believe I did not enclose postage



Teresa R. Varni  
August 15, 1948

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in my last letter. I do so now; and hope that if you haven't seen the stamps you will like them.

Respectfully,

Teresa Varni.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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archives of St. Michael's College,  
Toronto)



Teresa R. Varni  
February 15, 1950

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Miss Teresa Rita Varni  
80 Ingraham Place  
Newark, New Jersey  
2/15/50

Reverend Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Father:

Are there available any copies there of the Catholic Register for the years 1893-5? New York Public Library has some but only for 1908. May I borrow one or two?

Is there any reason to believe that the life of St. Basil would have had any influence on Father Duffy when he was there? That is, is this saint's life studied in particular? A former writer on Fr. Duffy seemed to suggest that the life of St. Basil was an influence. I think probably some stress might be made there. Is this just a figment of someone's imagination, or is it probably true?

Also, Father Duffy must have used the library between 1888-1892. Would it be possible to know from charge cards some of the books he was reading?

Any help or suggestions will be,





Teresa R. Varni  
February 15, 1950

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as always, very much appreciated.  
Thanking you again for many, many  
kindnesses.

Respectfully,

Teresa Varni

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Toronto)

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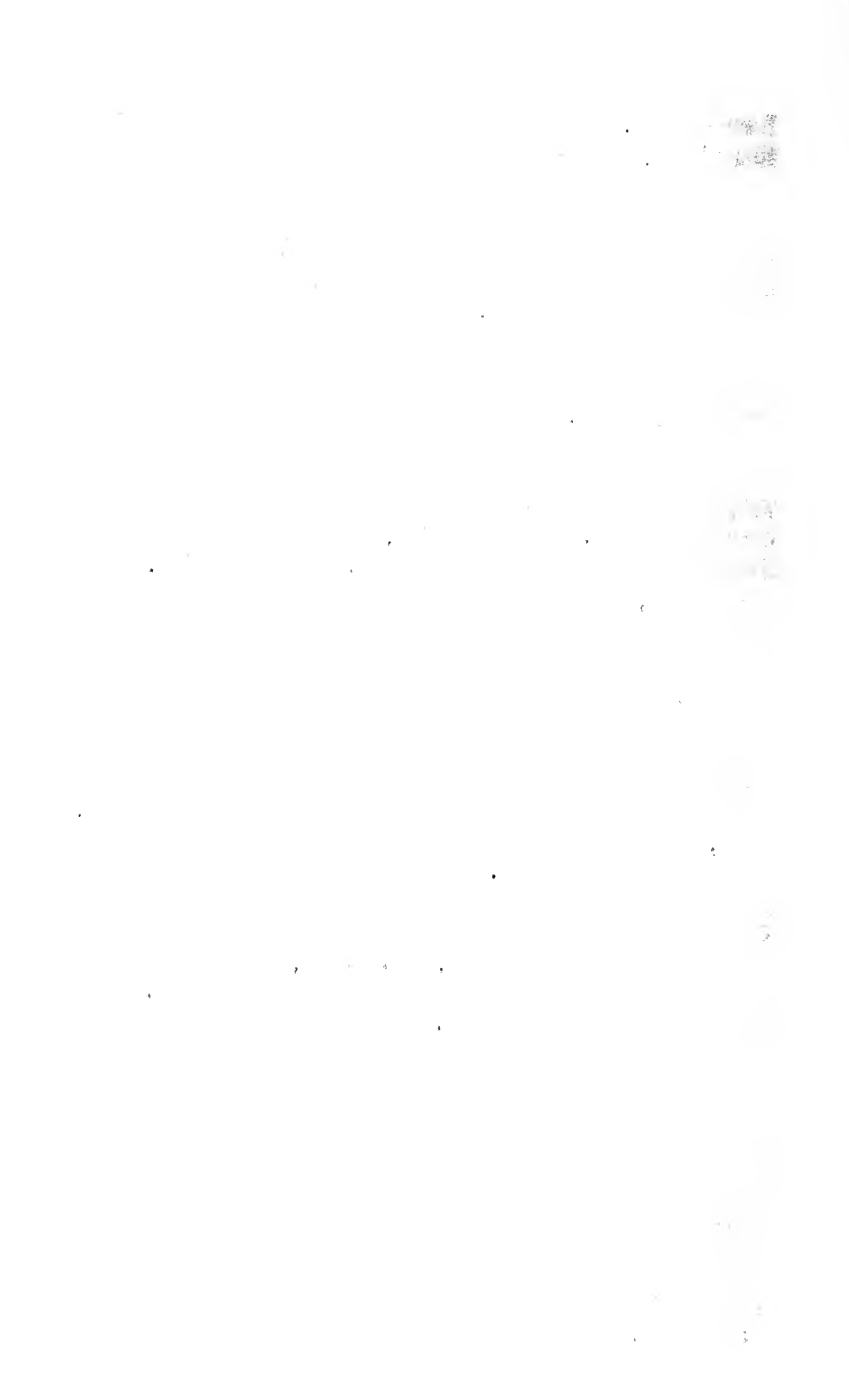
Miss Teresa Rita Varni  
80 Ingraham Place  
Newark, New Jersey  
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Dear Father,

I hasten to assure you that you are welcome to any information that I have on St. Michael's, or on Father Duffy in relation to St. Michael's. However, I fear that none of it would be new to you as you have been my main source of information.

May I ask if you can tell me the nature of the Jubilee Volume of the Archdiocese of Toronto that Father Teefy edited in 1892? I am interested, too, to obtain more factual information on Father Teefy. Do you have any small pamphlet on him that I might borrow? (I am familiar with the article on him by Father Carr, C.S.B., in the Canadian Catholic Historical Assoc. Report for 1939-40.) If I need the Jubilee vol; may I borrow it?

Can you suggest anyone in Canada to whom I could write regarding those early 1893 editions of The Catholic Register? The Union Newspaper List has no record of copies earlier than 1907 & even these seem to be lost at the moment in the New York Public Library.



Teresa R. Varni  
March 7, 1950

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I hope that I won't have to trouble you again. I have just about completed this part of my research. (I hope!)

Sincerely,

Teresa Varni.

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Teresa R. Varni  
April 27, 1950

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Miss Teresa Rita Varni  
80 Ingraham Place  
Newark, New Jersey  
4/27/50

Dear Father,

Will you kindly send the Jubilee  
Volume of the Archdiocese of Toronto  
that Father Teehy edited?

I will return it in good condition.

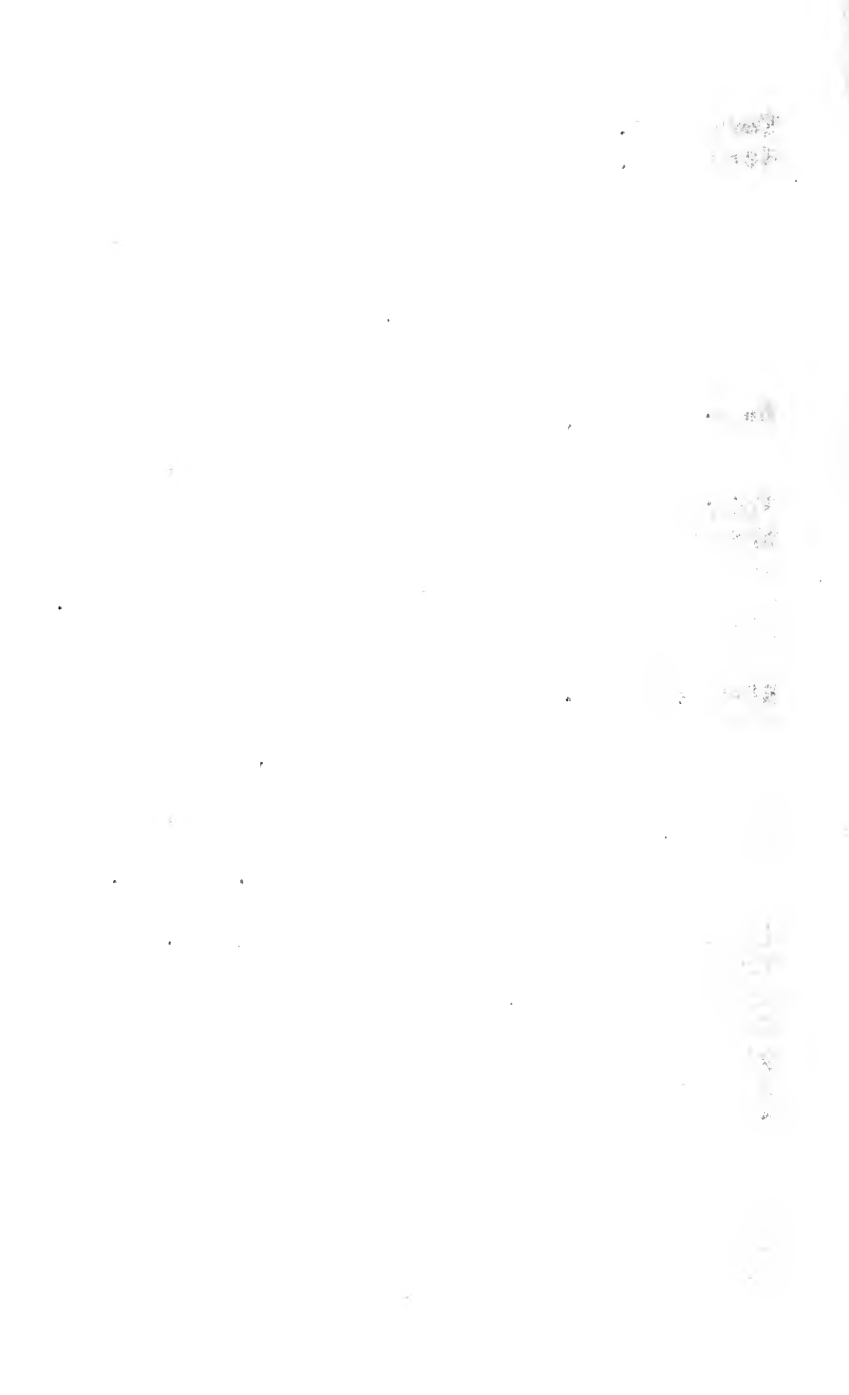
Enclosed is a dollar to pay for  
the postage.

Thanking you in advance,

Respectfully,

Teresa R. Varni.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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archives of St. Michael's College,  
Toronto)





Teresa R. Varni  
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Miss Teresa Rita Varni  
80 Ingraham Place  
Newark, New Jersey  
11/28/51

Reverend and dear Father,

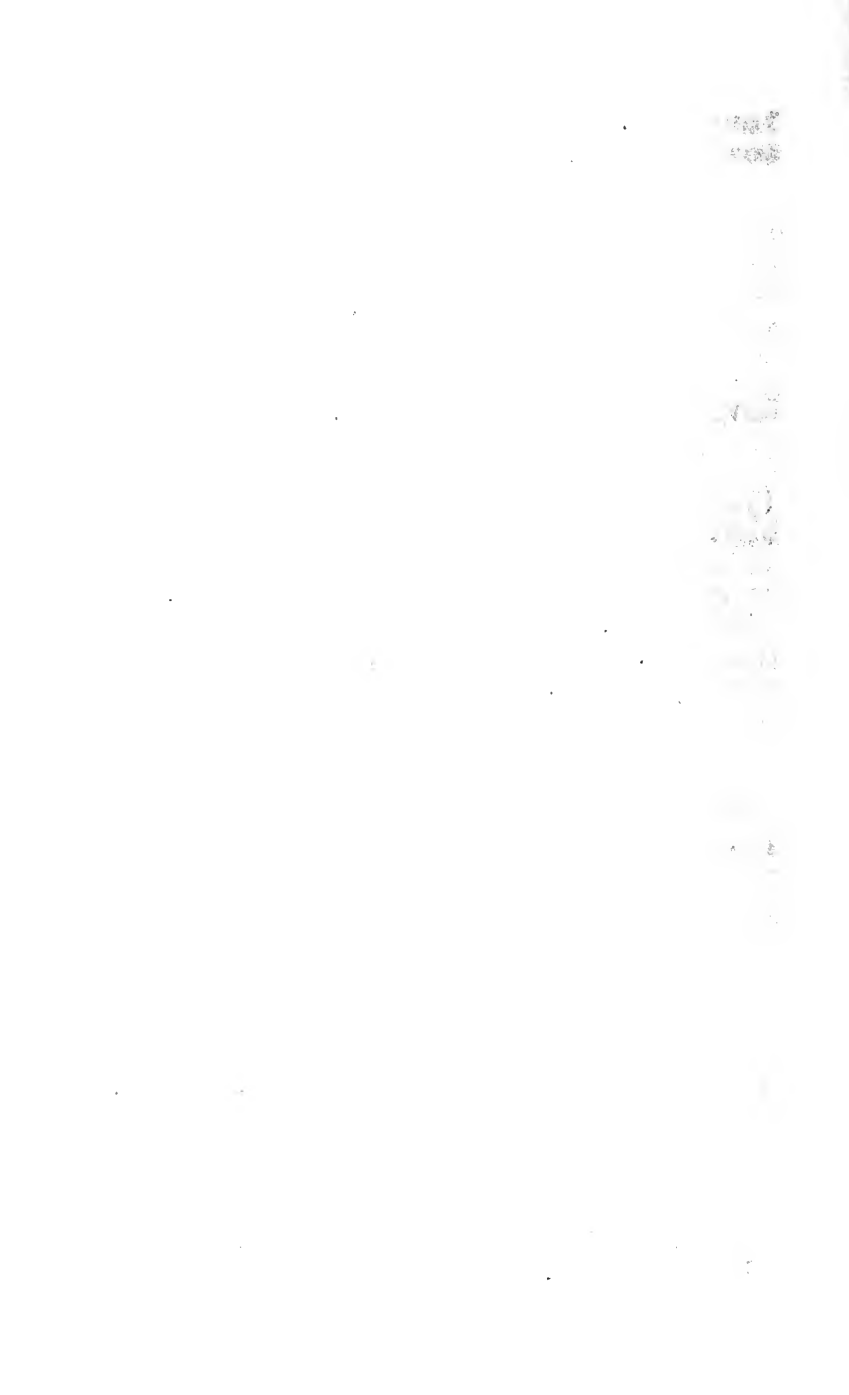
In my biography of Father Duffy (you recall my writing to you previously on my subject) the question has arisen as to the nature of the philosophy studied by Father when at St. Michael's. I would appreciate a few details. For instance, would he have gone into St. Thomas Aquinas — at this time?

I noted in that old catalogue which you sent that the courses listed in philosophy for the years 1893-94 are:

2nd year: Moral Philosophy  
Natural Theology  
History of Philosophy

As I am not a student either of philosophy or theology, I wondered just what the above concerned. Also, what particular textbooks were studied?

Another question which has come up is the influence of Cardinal Newman on St. Michael's about 1891-4. Newman died in 1890. His ideas on the teaching



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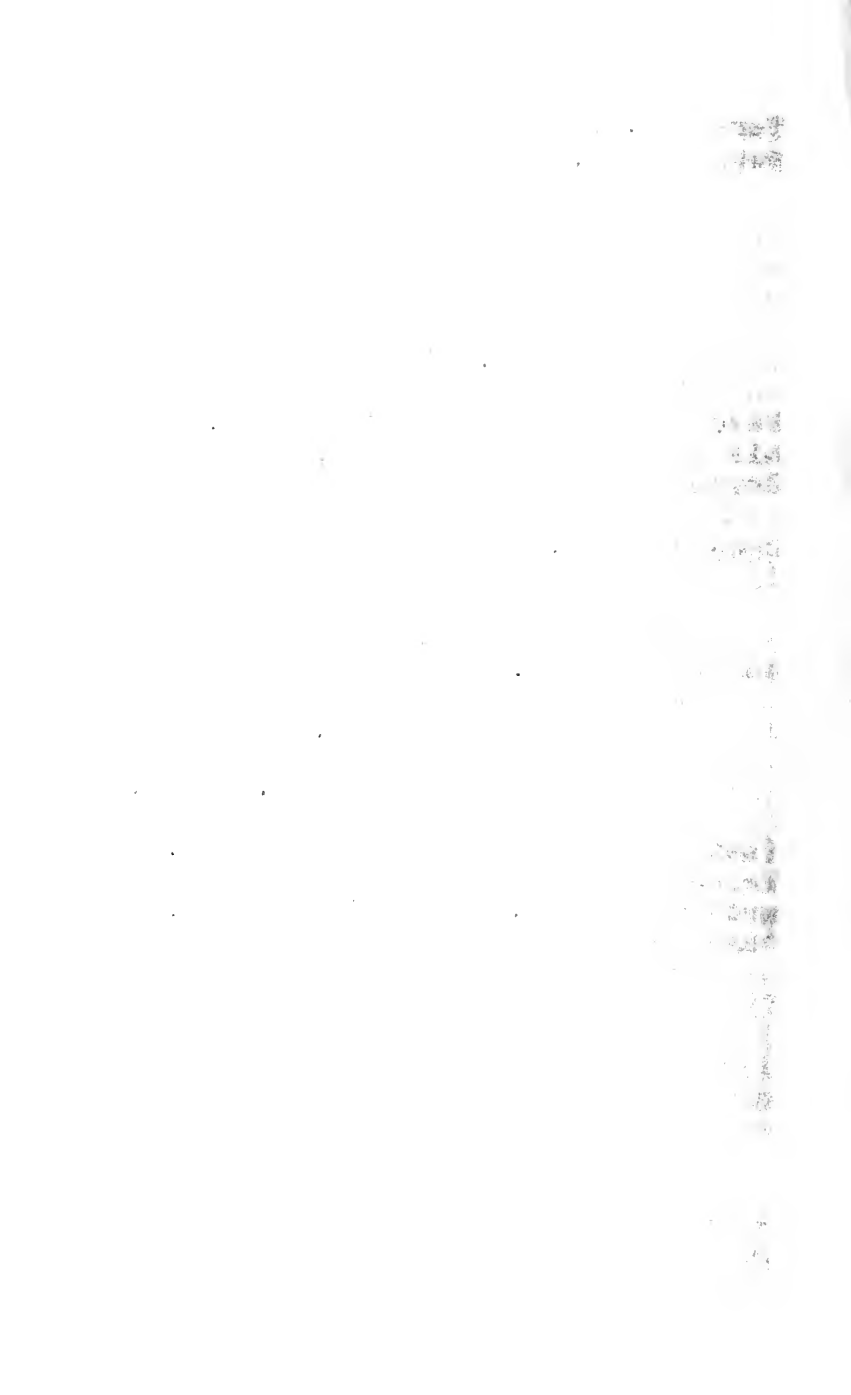
of philosophy as — the use of reason as an aid to faith — which made changes in schools later, would they have affected the teaching of philosophy there in St. Michael's in Father Duffy's day? Do you think they would have been reading any of Newman, like his *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, or the *Grammar of Assent*? Is there any literature available on the influence of Newman on St. Michael's in the years in question?

Any help will be very much appreciated as always.

Sincerely,

Teresa R. Varni.

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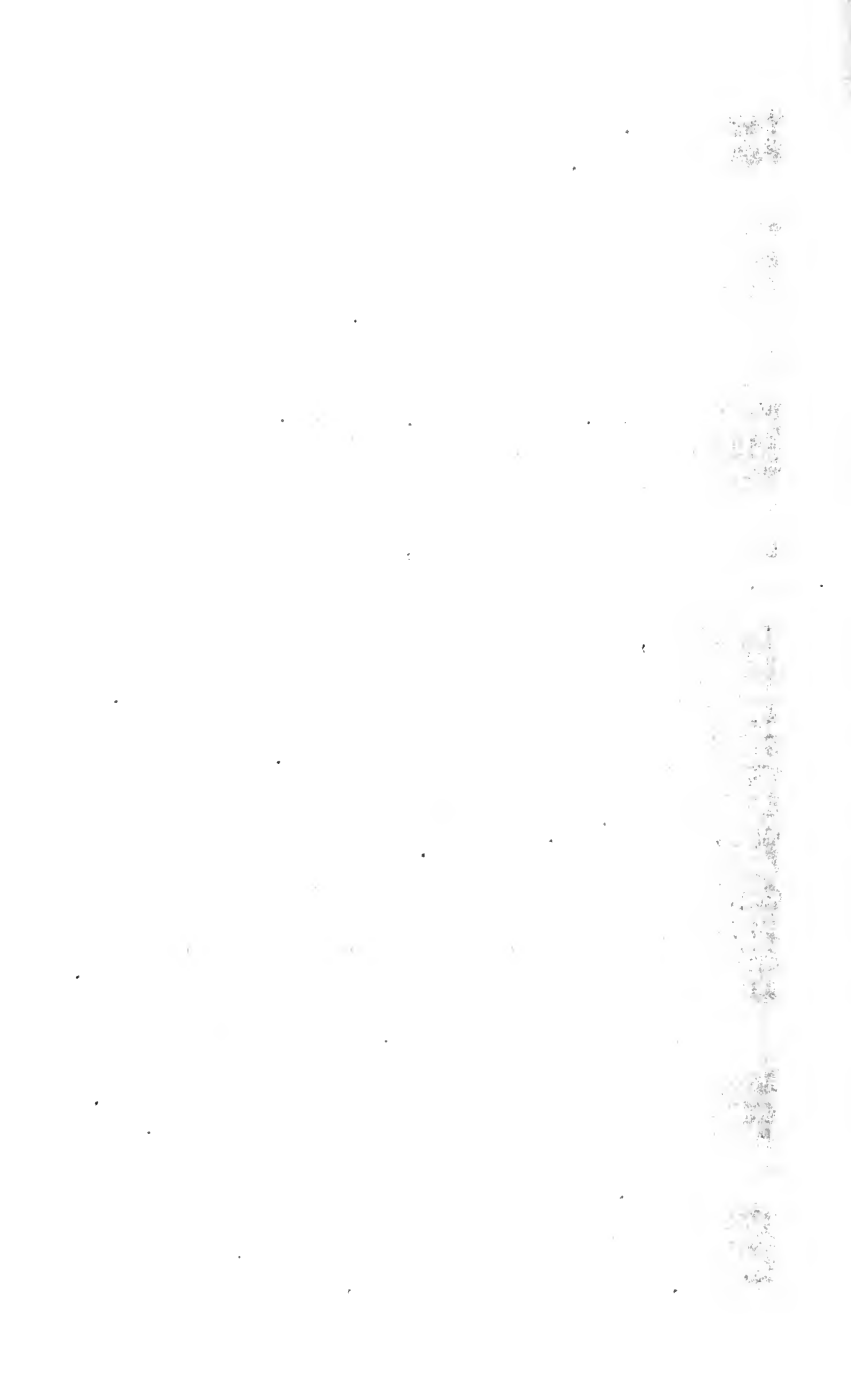
Miss Teresa Rita Varni  
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Newark, New Jersey  
2/17/52

Father R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Librarian - St. Michael's College  
Toronto, Canada

Dear Father Scollard,

I appreciate your answering my inquiry, and your patience in what must be by this time a recurring annoyance — my continual request for material. It is inexcusable for me to persist in imposing on your generosity. My only plea is that I am destitute of material on the St. Michael's College period of Father Duffy's life. This chapter has caused me more difficulty, more re-writing and brought less satisfaction than any other. It has, in fact, held up much of the development of the book. The reason is that the material which I have obtained on St. Michael's College period is in its essence — dormant — Duffy is nowhere in action, that is action revealing character.

Now, to add to the exasperation a story comes through at last and its potentialities are tremendous. It could, if used properly, make the



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chapter come to life. We see Duffy acting. Better still, we see him manifesting two of his main characteristics — a Christ-like charity in protecting a fellow human being, and a disregard for the letter of the law that would show no mercy. He is seen revealing here the very qualities that made him beloved as a priest and recognized as a great man.

While I appreciate Father Roach's sense of delicacy and his concern, and admire him for the precaution he would exercise, I honestly cannot see how any harm could come from using this episode. To my mind none of the parties concerned would be harmed; rather they would be praised. Duffy is Christlike in his attitude. The College, frowning upon drink, has a justifiable attitude. The boy, whose name we don't know and don't wish to know, is a symbol of youthful weakness. His counterpart could be found in every college then and now.

I am reminded of the recent unhappy case of our West Point cadets — expelled for cheating. They were defended by no less a person than Cardinal Spellman. While he did not condone their wrongdoing, he made it possible for them to continue their education in other colleges & to make amends for

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Teresa R. Varni  
February 17, 1952

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their mistakes. The fact of his charitable attitude was published in every paper in the western world. I do not think it detracted from his prestige, or character, but rather added to his stature as a true man of God.

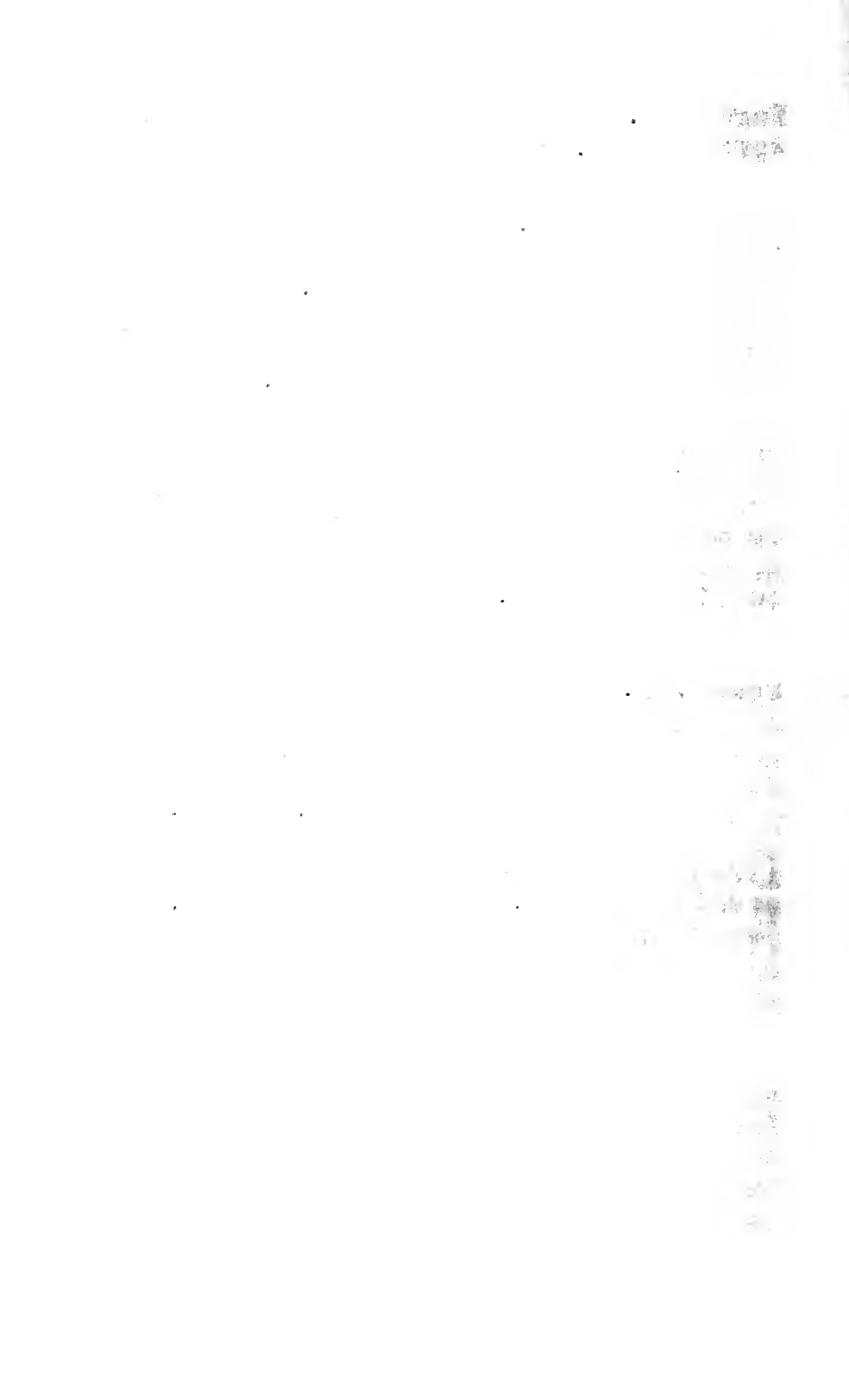
Can you use your good influence to persuade Father Roach of my need for this very kind of material? I'll be most grateful to him if he will grant this privilege of using an excellent episode.

Thanking you again for many favors received.

Sincerely,

Teresa R. Varni.

(Transcribed from the original in the archives of St. Michael's College, Toronto)



Eugene Cullinane  
April 25, 1962

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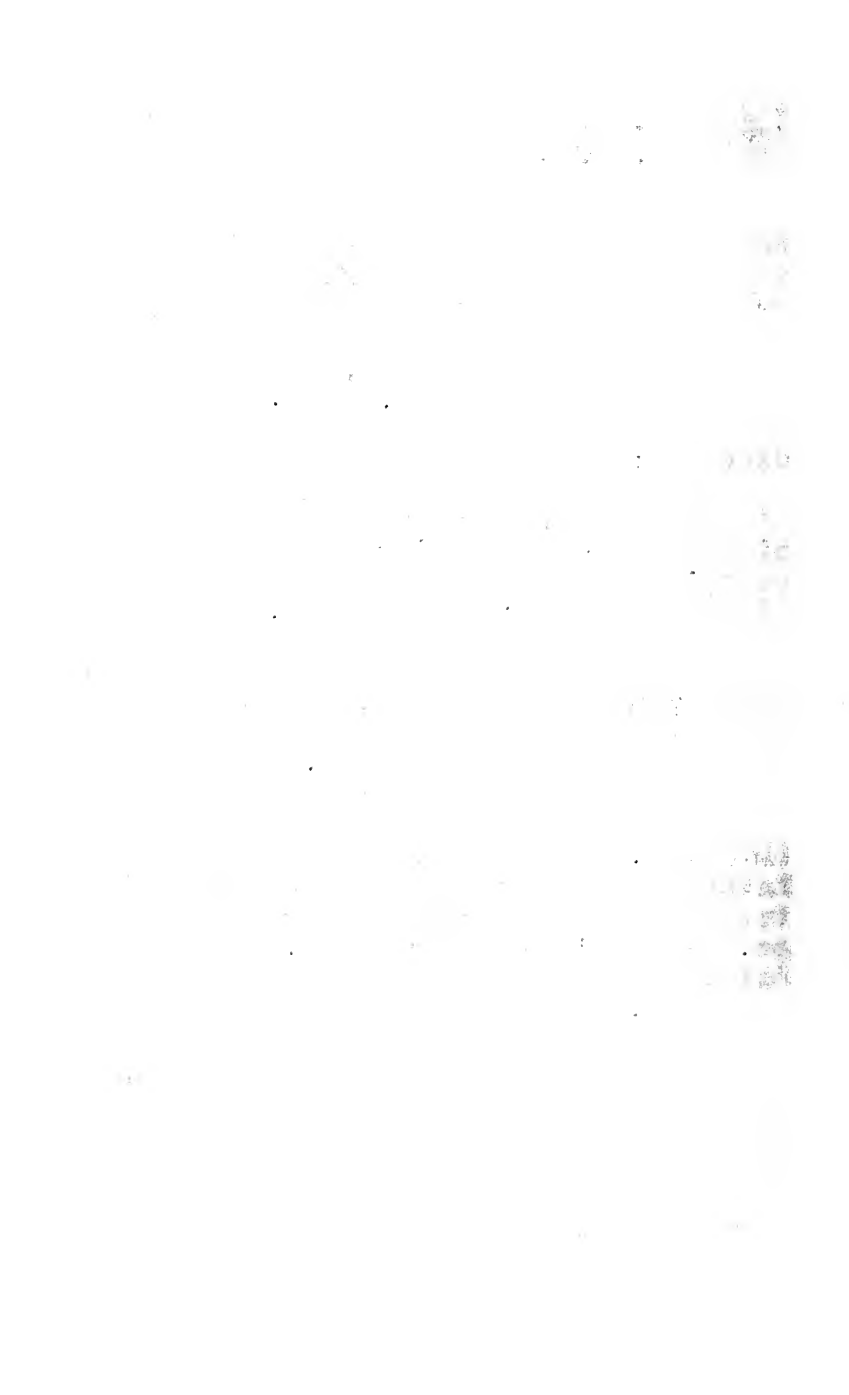
Our Lady of Whitehorse  
"Home" to Indian Youth  
of the North  
Box 2620  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
April 25, 1962.

Dear Bob:

I appreciate very much your letter of March 25th informing me of Father Welty's death and recent developments of interest in the community.

Father Welty was bursar at Assumption when I first arrived there in September 1921 and I always liked him and felt very close to him. In those days he took a genuine interest in the younger boys and used to accompany us on walks. We remained very good friends through the years and I always had nice visits with him whenever I returned to St. Michael's for a retreat. I have offered two Masses for the repose of his soul.

The community has grown so much, along with the major houses, during the few years that I have been away that it is difficult for my mind and my imagination to keep pace with the development.



Eugene Cullinane  
April 25, 1962

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Thanks also for sending me the news letters, which I read with great interest. I hear from Father Carr regularly but do not have much contact otherwise.

Our long winter is receding very slowly up here and the mountains are still white with snow, even the lower mountains. It is beginning to thaw in the valleys and our road into White-horse is getting a little muddy.

Please extend my best wishes to the confreres.

Fraternally — in cordibus Jesu  
et Mariae.

Gene C.

(Letter from Rev. Eugene Cullinane to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

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Sister M. Loyola  
July 15, 1955

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St. Joseph's Hospital  
Peterborough, Ontario  
July 15, 1955.

The Superior General,  
The Basilian Fathers,  
95 St. Joseph St.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Reverend and dear Father;

We have had an enquiry from the Solicitors in Lindsay for the Late Peter Kennedy Estate, asking us for the date of the death of his brother Father Joseph Kennedy, C.S.B.

Would you be kind enough to give us this information from your records and we sincerely hope the Basilian Fathers will receive a share of this long standing Estate.

Yours very truly,

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Per Sister M. Loyola

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Albert J. Hurley  
February 4, 1960

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Rev. Albert J. Hurley  
819 Buena Vista  
Duarte, California  
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Dear Fr. Gerry:-

Many thanks for note re Fr. Rafferty's death. I had thought he had died years ago.

He fell off a ladder atop of which he stood while draping with green branches — or such — the arch which framed the sanctuary in the old novitiate (Holy Rosary) chapel. You remember the communion railing had 2 or 3 steps up to it from the floor of the chapel. The ladder was a high, rickety old thing, as I remember it, & momentarily not properly attended. As he fell he struck his head against one of the steps. A highly intelligent and promising young chap, from that time had to suffer his sorrow pretty much alone. He was by nature of rather a quiet nature — only the teasing of Arthur Staley, when he kept it up, could draw out stinging sarcasm — & Arthur was quite afraid of Raff in his pre-accident days. In 1905 or 06 he visited us at LaPorte Seminary. I remember I once met him in darker part of a corridor. I made an attempt to be gracious to him, but I really became afraid as I saw his eyes lower-

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ing with some indescribable and dark rolling of his eyes. I really felt inclined to decide him dangerously insane. After that I became glad that he was soon going back to Waco where the folks would be better equipped to take care of the poor fellow.

His ordination selection seems to me to have been based on a good stretching of conscience. That 1st communion in 50 years seems miraculous. I was glad to hear that because he was not only highly intelligent but seemingly very pious & religious indeed. Nearly 81. That was pretty good. R.I.P. Just one of God's mysteries. Being eternal, omnipotent, omniscient etc., He needs not our works. Somehow I find it easy to remember Fr. Rafferty at Mass, in prayers, etc. Soon I'll need the same. Born Palm Sunday, March 29, '74. Hurray for us old octogenarians.

Best to all the boys

As ever,

A.J. Hurley.

(Letter to Father Gerard Todd. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

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Albert J. Hurley  
February 16, 1960

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Rev. Albert J. Hurley  
819 Buena Vista  
Duarte, California

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Some days ago I wrote you a letter but, on looking to see that I was not repeating myself, I found I could not read my own writing. So I tore it up and started all over again. Well, better luck to your non-cataractic eyes.

Many thanks for apprising me of Fr. Rafferty's death with communion before. I remember well of Fr. Rafferty's accident. He fell from a ladder while decorating for Xmas the arch over the Novitiate sanctuary — outside — & in falling struck his head against communion rail steps. How the Provincial (then Fr. Victorin Marijon) ever made up his conscience to send him on to major orders is more than I could ever understand. He visited us at St. Mary's Seminary, La Porte, Texas, about 1905. He seemed at first merely delicate, but by accident. In the late afternoon, etc. he looked really dangerous. I was relieved when he left for Houston on the evening train.

Before his frightful fall, he might have been described as a quiet but polite



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young English gentleman, reserved, highly intelligent, pious, religious & giving signs of great promise. "50 years in the dark" makes one stop to think. But God is omniscient & knows best of all.

Bishop Alden Bell, assistant to Cardinal McIntyre, dropped in for a chat a few days ago. Among other things he asked about the Basilians; said the Cardinal had frequently spoken of them, wondering if they would come out & give him a hand — school in every parish. My reply was, "Yes, try to get them. I know of no community so well prepared for high school and college work." More was said. All was laudatory on my part and the Bishop very receptive. Said he had thought so and said he would tell Cardinal what I had said. Bishop Bell was born in Peterborough, Ont., just 3 blocks from my old home, one block west of the Cathedral & our home is one block east of the Cathedral. On account of his father's illness they left for the West when he was 10 yrs. old — 7 boys in all.

Please advise Superior Genl. at once. L.A. is growing by leaps & bounds. Freeways run in many directions. Students drive 50 miles, in & out daily. 500 or 1,000 are coming in daily. Growth is incredible. Now ranks next

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here. Then airplanes are taking off in  
all directions & arriving in like man-  
ner — 49 to San Francisco, about 25%  
to San Diego, 4 hrs to N.Y., &c &c. I  
was down to one of the airports once or  
twice & I just didn't try to grasp  
things. I saw more Mexicans running  
for planes & more acres filled with  
cars than I ever saw in my life, & no  
kidding. If you just tell the truth  
of what rush, roar & tumble here that  
you witness almost anyehwere, a flock  
of gushers in Texas wouldn't roar it  
out!! But is's nearer the turth than  
saying nothing about it. Can you read  
this? Great! I can't.

God bless you all. I haven't an  
enemy in the order & I pray for the  
boys up there every day. If you have  
a list of deceased CSB's, I'd be glad  
to get one.

Amos & Andy are blaring on the  
radio here, so I can't concentrate —  
afraid I'll miss something very funny.

I may some day tell why I left  
Toronto for Los Angeles. Probably I'll  
do it some day to the Superior General.  
A priest's conscientious oath of inno-  
cence, complete & total, didn't go far  
with folks that wanted dire revenge.  
But Providence took one awful tool —  
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and as for myself at the early age of 86 (born '74), I fancy a little merit upstairs will come in handy on Judgment Day & probably I'll need all I can gather together in the merit line. So, "de mortibus dic nil nisi bonum" may be a good old maxim. "Revenge is mine" saith the Lord; "and I shall repay". So often ex professo on other topics, I'll shut up on this one. They know better now. I pray for them oftener of late.

Bye, bye,

Sincerely

A.J. Hurley.

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Albert J. Hurley  
December 20, 1960

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Rev. Albert J. Hurley  
819 Buena Vista  
Duarte, California.  
Dec. 20, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard:-

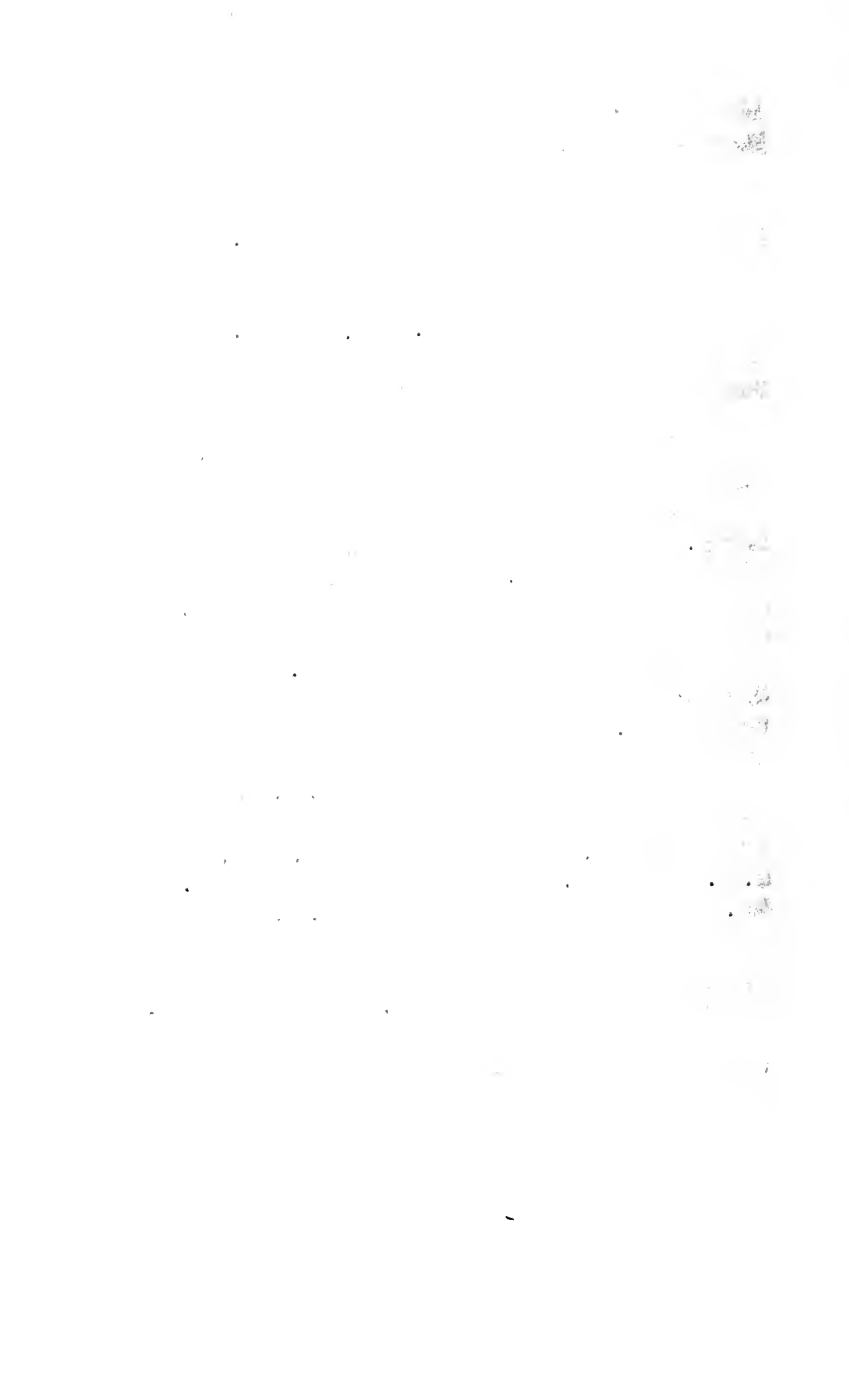
This <card> goes for all C.S.B.'s.

When are you coming to Los Angeles?  
Asst. Bishop Alden Bell, cousin of  
Bishop David J. Scollard, was born  
either in Ennismore or Peterboro. Lived  
on west side of Cathedral and we on  
east side — 3 blks. apart. Cardinal  
McIntyre is a business man but very  
friendly.

A.J.H.

Radio, 2 dys ago — 6,000,000 in  
L.A. County. Climate marvellous. Am  
86. Saying Mass daily (D.G.) and un-  
speakably anxious to see Basilians  
landed here before I begin that long  
sleep in Calvary here. Come along!

(Christmas card, deposited in the  
general archives of the Basilian  
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Albert J. Hurley  
March 28, 1961

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Dear Fr. Scollard:-

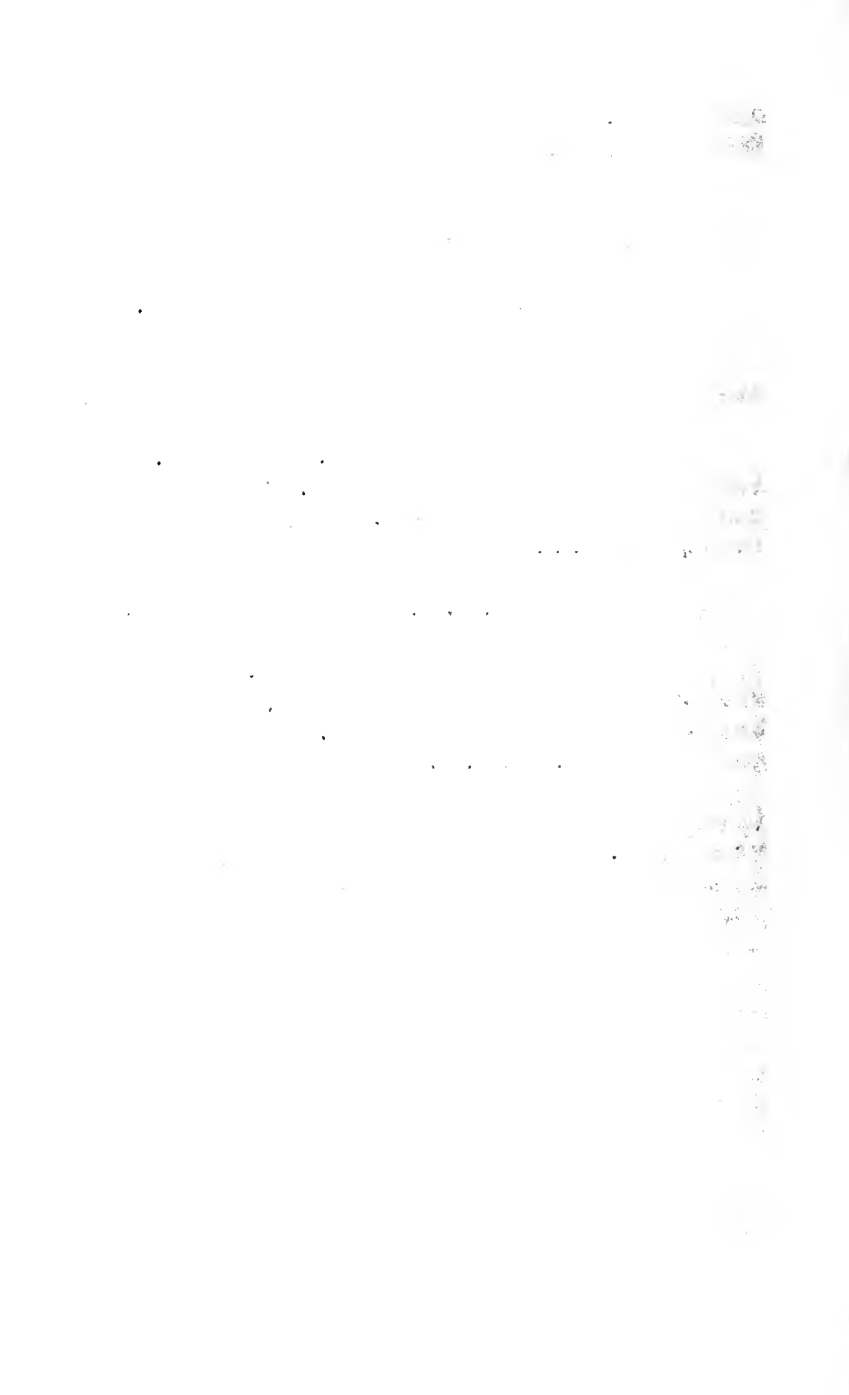
Congrats. to Superior General. Am 87 tomorrow so can't answer letters on time or else am so garrulous in one that I have no time for others. Vivat!

Sometimes I am well. Saw Dr. (specialist) few days ago. "Excellent, come back in 4 months." Got nearly everything...

A.J.H.

Many thanks to you & Fr. Madden & Fr. McCorkell for prayers, assistance at Lil's interment. She was a good prayer. A.J.H.

(Note in an Easter card to Father Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)





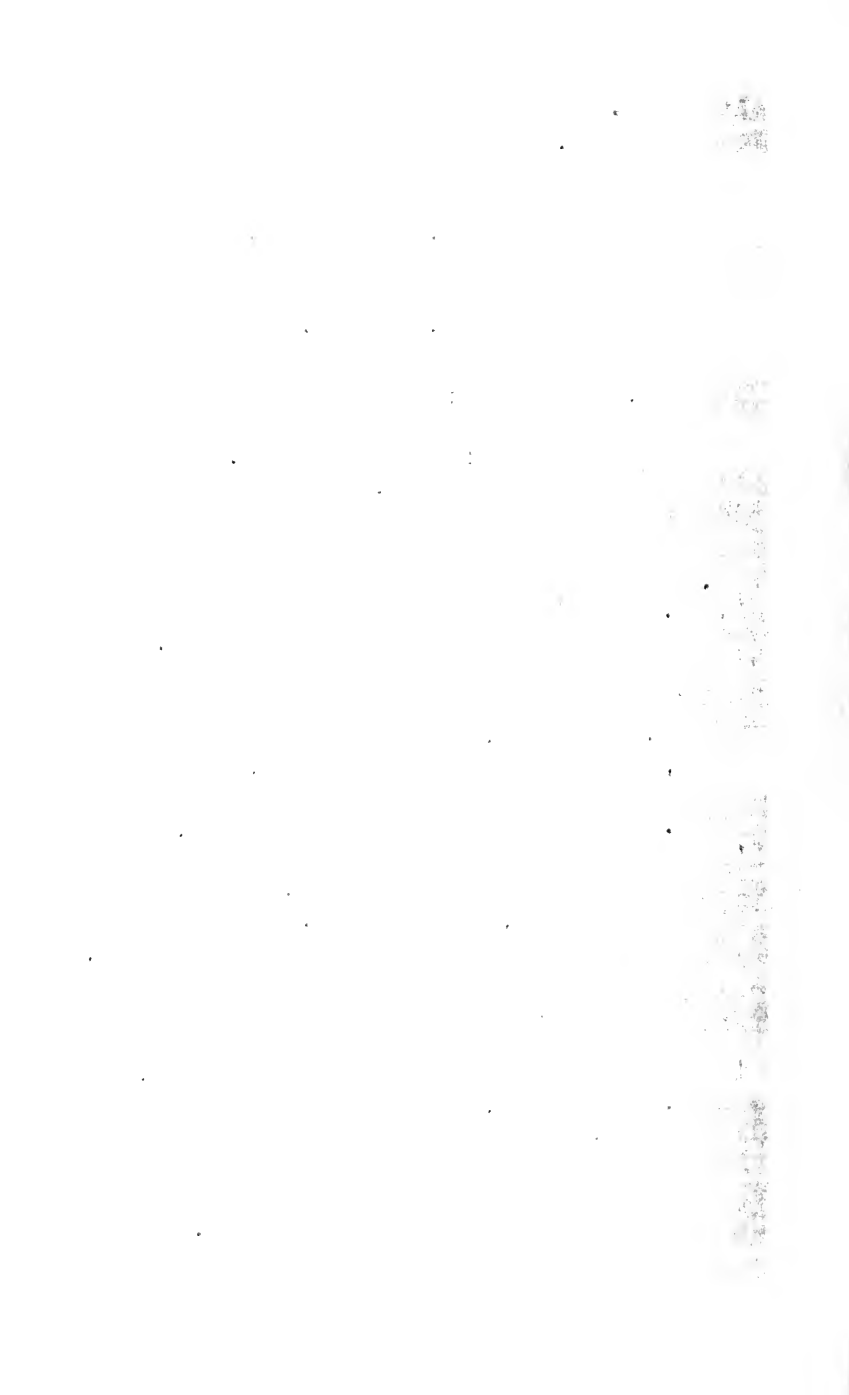
Albert J. Hurley  
November 15, 1961

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Rev. Albert J. Hurley  
819 Buena Vista  
Duarte, California.  
Nov. 15/61.

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Rec'd yours: many thanks. (Pleasant penance for 7 mos. delay) I just gobbled 1/4 of it up at one sitting — the most interesting book I've read in yrs, and all that with a bum reading glass. Don't remember whether I told you I had operation for cataracts. All fine till I got a bang in the temple from an overhead doorway in clothes closet. Result, blood smear in eyeballs, then defective vision, double commutation (dispensation re office & Mass). As for my other troubles, sure I'm going to write a book about them some day — after I'm dead! Never an ache or a pain, thank God. And with Mass said everyday & a warm apartment, a stout cane & a potent gerontiac (old man in Greek. 1st seen Sophocles' Antigone under Boss Heenan 1891) vitamin & a young lad's dash in the Sn. Calif. sunshine, what more does and 87 2/3 yr. old guy want as he steps right along over the asphalt way to the chapel or around the block of buildings. De his rebus stultissimis satis!



Albert J. Hurley  
November 15, 1961

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Congrats. on the "Annals". It is the most interesting thing I've read in yrs.

Tell Fr. Wey I can just recall his uncle — somewhat short, a trifle stoutish; a pastor up near Berlin or Waterloo, or a bit west of there. Between '90 and '93 he came to the College for dinner. He belonged to the generation of priests just before I was ordained in 1899 (in St. Basil's, by Archbishop Denis O'Connor, C.S.B.). And tell Fr. Wey I was delighted to hear the folks had sense enough to pick a man for the Big Job from a Big Town, Houston. Viva.

I went there in 1900 with Fr. Nick Roche & Fr. Vinnie Donnelly (just a few days before the big Galveston storm, quote Bp. Nicholas Gallagher. Loss of life "from 7,500 to 15,000, no one will ever know exactly." He was always known as a conservative. The next six years, 1901-1907, I spent at La Porte Seminary.

My one great sorrow is that you folks didn't come to Los Angeles at any time since 1960. The population is growing so fast as to be beyond the imagination of a man on the spot. We here have given up bothering about it. Chicago is behind now & I see some

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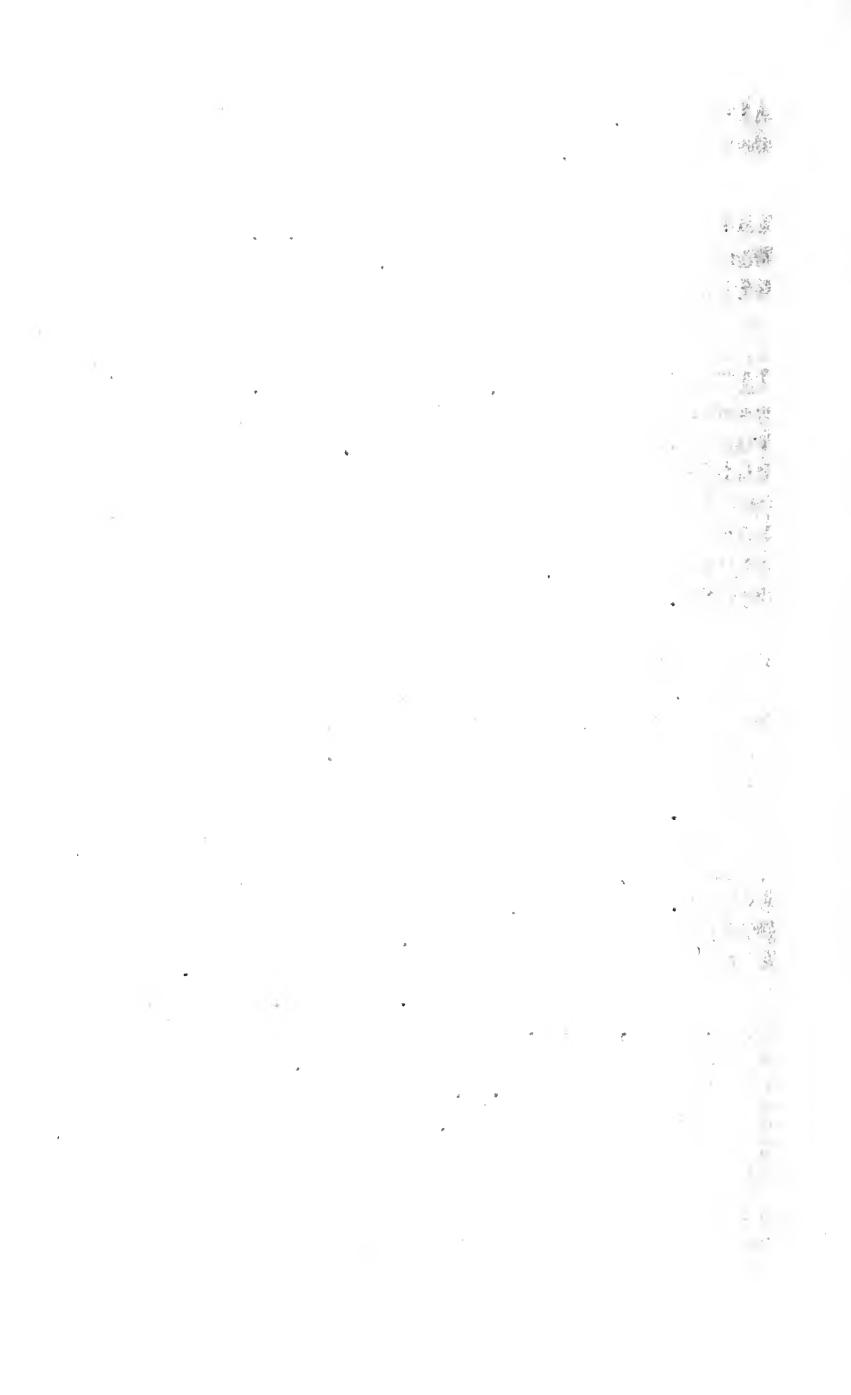
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November 15, 1961

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scientific big shot says L.A. will pass New York City in 1962. One says 70 million people will settle along the coast from Santa Barbara, 90 miles north, through Los Angeles & on to San Diego, 110 miles south, before 1970. I can't remember for certain the year, but I'm sure it was before 2000. I scarcely think many old people like mayself pay much attention to population figures, but we all know folks are quietly streaming in, many thousands every month.

You have a great friend at court in Bishop Alden Bell, born near Ennismore Cross, cousin of Bp. David Scol-lard (North Bay's 1st Bp.), lived in Peterborough (only 3 blocks from my home). Cardinal McIntyre is a very wonderful builder; builders of schools, churches, rectories, convents, colleges &c &c. Taught, I think by Fr. Frank P. Duffy (once SMC prof, great CSB friend & the greatest friend I ever had. Duff was born in Cobourg). Card. Francis Spellman, N.Y. (whom I knew well in Rome) said in 1945 or 1946, when he was nominated for L.A., "He is the best man I have ever known", & I can back that up by saying that he is one of the best Bishops I have ever known — but I'm sorry I didn't have to work under him before I had passed 70. (I'm sorry too



Albert J. Hurley  
November 15, 1961

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that I let Archbishop Cantwell know more clearly how highly I esteemed him too).

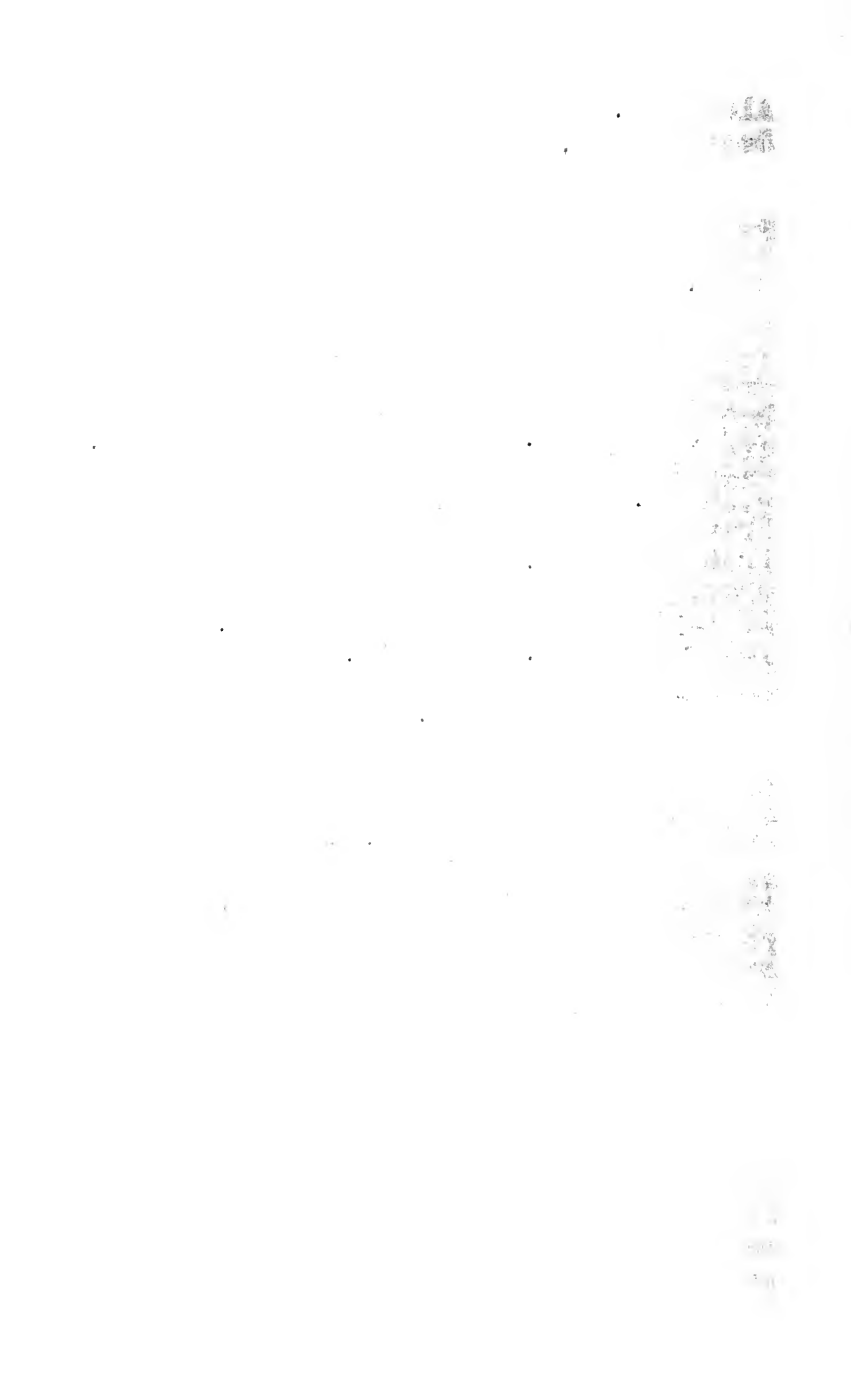
I was supremely pleased that Archbishop Flahiff got the mitre too (but always with a pleasant smile & hoped for the best). I knew Archbishop Alf. Sinnott well too and I sat at table with Bp. Belliveau, the bitter pro-French fighter across the Red River from Winnipeg. I guess the fight embers are still ready for the fanning if anybody says "Booh" to them. Can you read this? I can't.

Regards to all.

As ever

A.J. Hurley

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Albert J. Hurley  
December 18, 1963

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Fr. Scollard,

You write me the best letters & information I receive. I felt so sorry when my old Basilian friend passed away. I was interested in even Fr. Dan's bad foot, then Fr. Johnny's bad heart; Joe's pilgrimage to Florida, then Fr. Carr's death. Seems only a few weeks since he called here. Soon as I popped eyes on him, I said, "Hello Harry." It came so quick it kind of knocked the legs out from under him. Now Fr. McCorkell's illness & and even our old friend Fr. Leonard Rush's illness &c &c.

Last couple of months I have come to know what it is to get older & older & like the heroes of the Philippine's, "They never die. They just fade away." As Père Walsh used to word it, "I'm not 70 yrs. old. I'm just entering my 70th year." (All laughed, you & I). 3 mos. more & I'll be 90 yrs. old (DV) Now laugh that one off.

As ever

A.J. Hurley

(Note sent with a Christmas card to Father Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

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Albert J. Hurley  
February 21, 1964

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Rev. Albert J. Hurley  
1210 Royal Oaks Drive  
Duarte, California  
Feb. 21. 64

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Many thanks for personal & bulletin. I have all Basilian schools & persons in my daily Mass, visit, stations, night & day with blessing. But the decease of Fr. Johnny McGuire left me — even still — breathless at thought of his passing. A little man that smiled most quietly all throo his life. I can easily vision that grinning little angle getting a fine reception in Heaven.

I regarded the death of Fr. Carr as a matter of fact & general expectation, especially at 80, tho' I myself am aiming at, as you recorded, at Fr. Leo Cherrier's unconsummated hope because he and the Abbé (Fr. Aboulin) quit at 90. I'll be that myself in 5 wks if I live to March 29th — Palm Sunday in 1874 (D.V.) but ... round quickly (at least during the last two yrs. I have... old ladies during my sojourn here!) but she hit 92 before going heavenwards & I'll be scared to show up there if I

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Albert J. Hurley  
February 21, 1964

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don't follow her good example. But when I remember Archbishop Carinci; the greatest canonist in Rome... he died only a few wks ago at the early age of 101.

I am afraid to quit now. That radio is blaring. "Oremus pro invicem"

As ever,

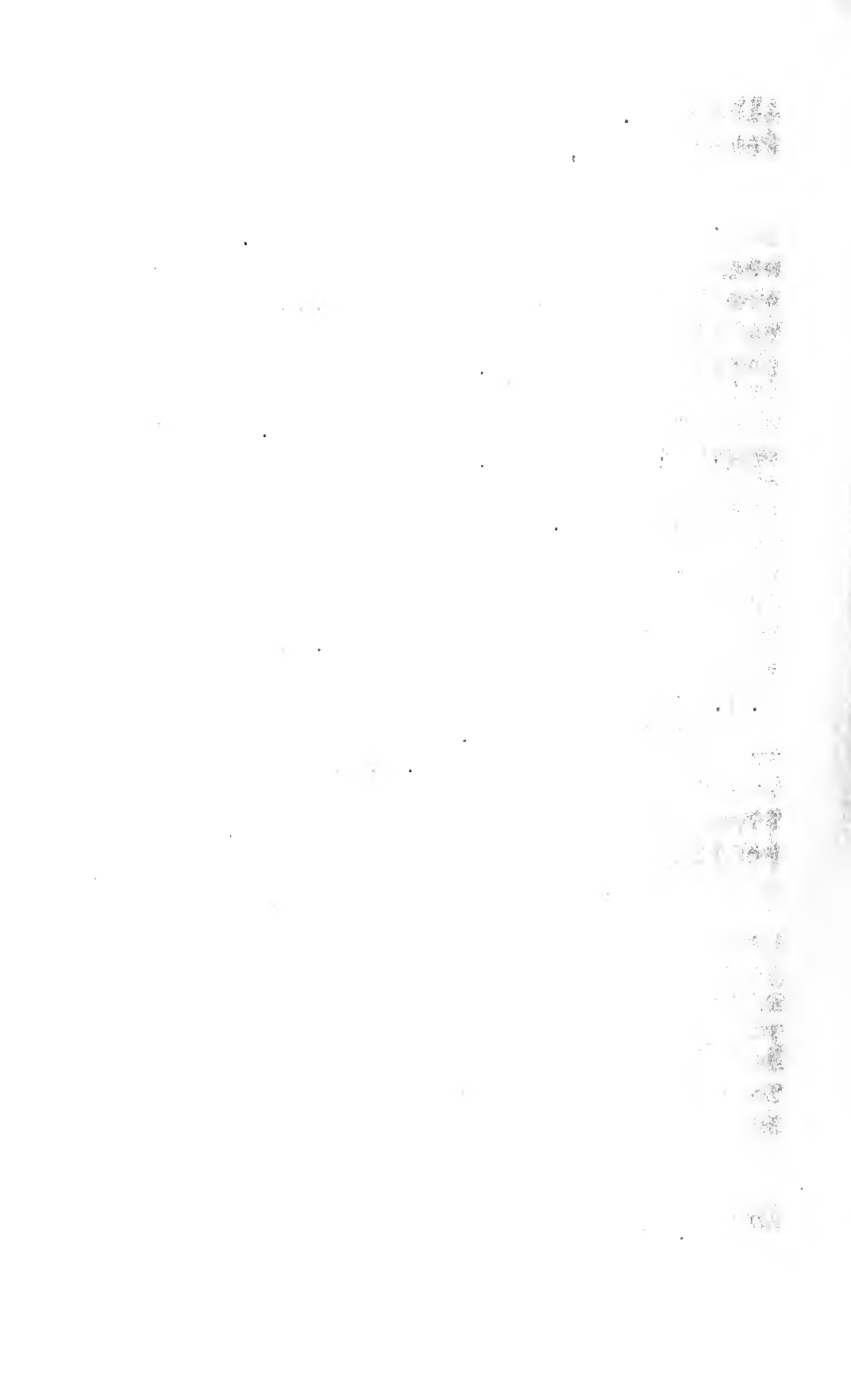
Gratefully

A.J. Hurley

P.S. Hope Dan Forestell is getting as well as ever.

A.J.H.

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Albert J. Hurley  
December 2, 1964

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God reward you for your great help to the needy. You get 100% here and God only knows how much in the world to come. My eye defect prevents reading at any length and writing letters almost in toto. get this? In the mail some days back I grabbed your brown envelope and started to read, with magnifying glass, of course, and although a meal lay before me I did not set it down till I had finished. So there! I say Mass every day, not like my old friend Fr. Dan Forestell in a chair but just hanging on to the altar whenever the waver threatens.

Some of my lady friends used to be the best coughers and achooers in the business. Now only a few sisters bark and sneeze, just enough to preserve the tradition.

Card. McIntyre, about 74, has a record of a church every 26 days. He just worked too hard and possibly the niggers and a couple of their ignorant young champs made it harder for him. He is taking it easier now and seeing to it that the Sem. does not pass too many young jackasses for ordination.

Satis pro nunc et oremus pro  
invicem.

A.J.H.

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Albert J. Hurley  
December 2, 1964

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I have not found time to put in a plug for you. Perhaps soon.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard, enclosed with Christmas card. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

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Miss Josephine Cody  
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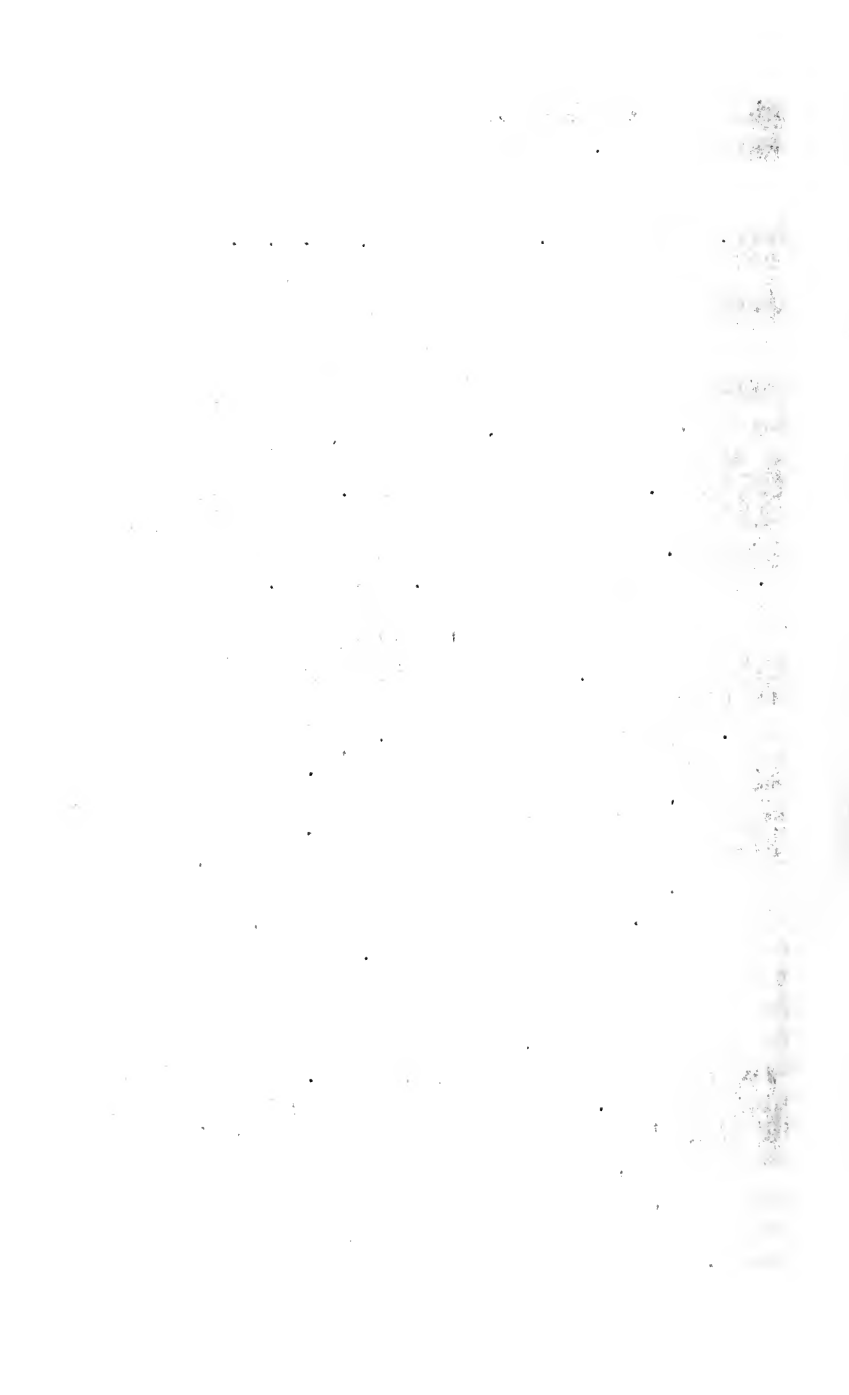
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Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.

Dear Father:-

Sorry I am so late in answering your interesting letter of Sept. 19th to Father Hurley, which I read to him & he enjoyed hearing about his priest friends. Hopes Father D. Forestell will continue to improve & regain his speech. Also better health for Father S. Perdue & Father J. Muckle.

Father Hurley's circulation is not so good, so doesn't mind the hot weather which we had for 13 days in Oct. up to 100 degrees. His speech sometimes when I visit him, every Friday, sometimes seems a little better, thean again not very clear. I don't have him repeat unless important. At 91 yrs. I think he made a remarkable recovery. Will be a year Dec. 29th since he had the stroke, & up until that time had missed very few daily Masses the 10 years he has resided at Santa Teresita. He also said his three Masses last Xmas Day. The Sisters & Drs. are amazed at his pick-up. He wasn't bed-ridden very long; is up every day, sits outdoors when weather permits, & can walk very well with orderly holding his hand, & his walking cane.



Miss Josephine Cody  
November 8, 1965

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His eyesight is not very good; had cataracts removed from both eyes about 7 yrs. ago which saved him from total blindness. He gets very good care, daily check-up & has a very good appetite, & still alert & a good memory.

He was pleased to hear about Fr. McCorkell writing a biography of Father Henry Carr, also his coming Golden Jubilee next June, with his prayers & blessings & also to you Father on your approaching 33rd anniversary in Dec. A visit from Father Higgins will be welcome again, also the newly ordained priest, if he visits Calif.

Father sends many thanks to you & all his friends for prayers & Masses & will remember all in his daily prayers.

Sincerely

Father A.J. Hurley

by Josephine Cody.

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Albert J. Hurley  
April 5, 1966

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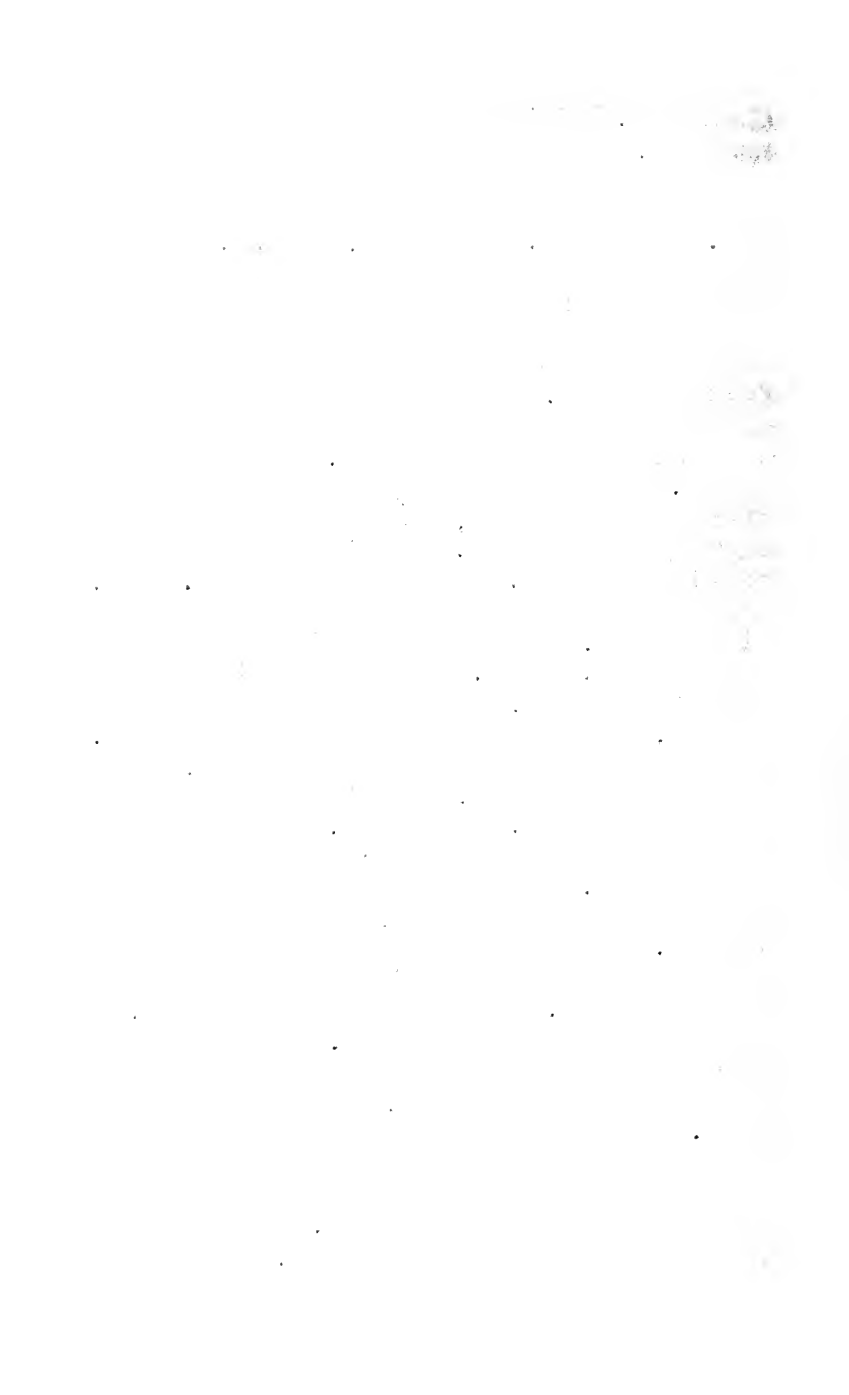
Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.

Dear Father:-

It was nice hearing from my good friend again.

Sorry to hear of Fr. Perdue's death. I enjoyed Newsletter account of his activities, also about three surviving sisters. I will remember him in prayers. He was humorous. RIP. Hope Father Forestell will pull through like I did, which was a miracle after stroke Dec. 1964. My speech is not very clear yet, otherwise I have improved, so maybe I will reach the 100. Mark I have a very good appetite, which is very important, so mention this to Father O'Loane. Hope Fr. Bondy will regain his strength & continue saying daily Mass. Remember me to Father McCorkell & hope he will remain in good health. I still take short walks with a little help & sit outdoors daily in the sunshine. My 92nd birthday Mar. 29th I enjoyed very much. The Sisters & hospital staff congratulated me & offered their prayers, & Masses to be said.

Thank you Father, for prayers & lovely birthday greetings. My blessings to you & all my old friends.





Albert J. Hurley  
April 5, 1966

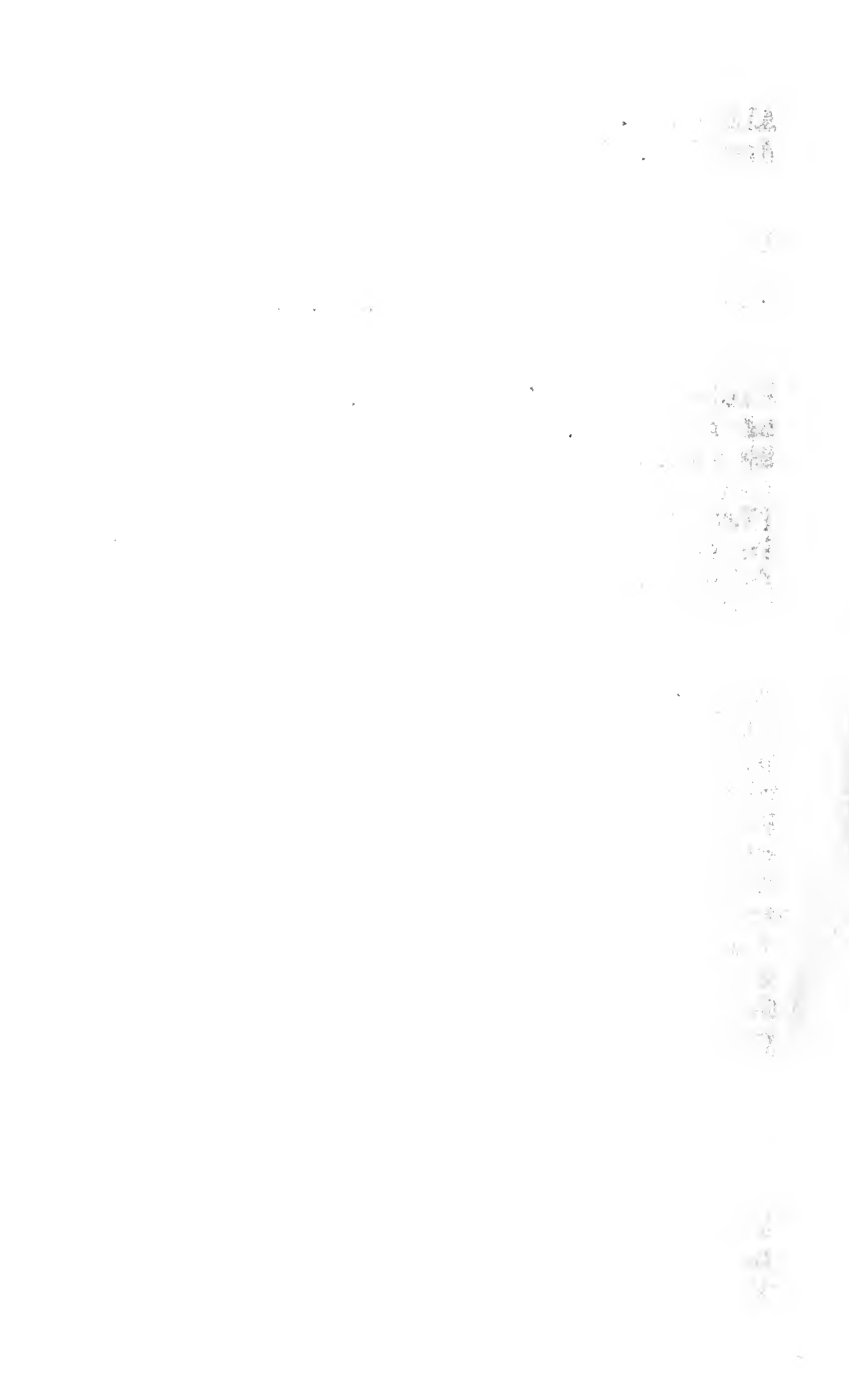
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Sincerely yours

Rev. A.J. Hurley

<Miss Josephine Cody was now writing Father Hurley's letters, dictated when he was well, otherwise partly composed by herslef>

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Albert J. Hurley  
June 7, 1966

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Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.

Dear Father:-

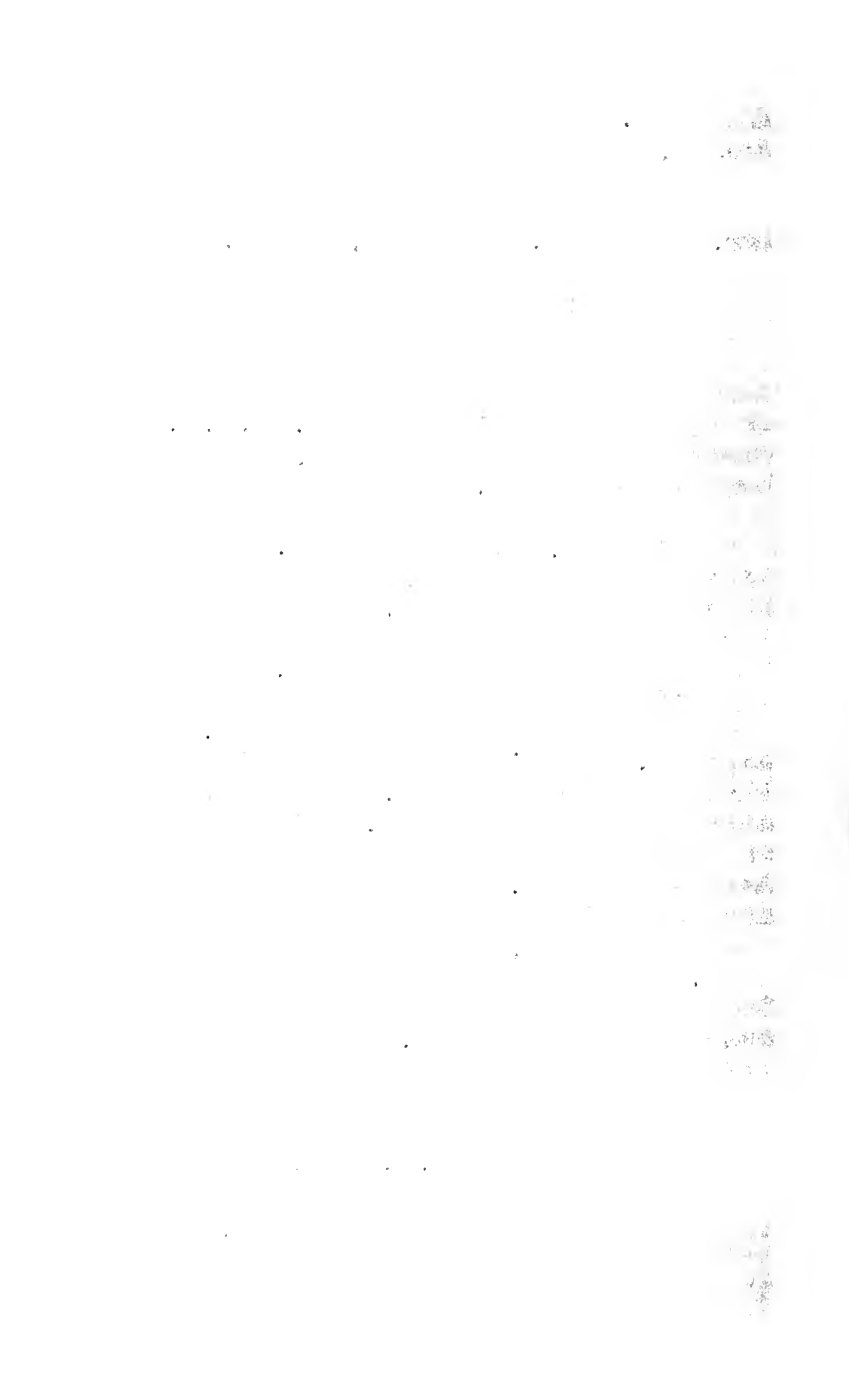
It was with deep regret to hear of Father Forestell's recent Death & also of Father Perdue's passing. R.I.P. Thank you for memory cards, also Newsletter histories. It was nice of Archbishop Pocock to be on hand to sing the Funeral Mass, also Father B. Sullivan after knee operation, was able to deliver the fine sermon.

Sorry to hear about Fr. <Charles> Coughlin not too well & hope Arizona climate will improve his health. Also hope Fr. Bondy's & Fr. Sharpe's health will soon improve too. Glad Fr. McCorkell is able to travel. Give him best wishes & blessings on his approaching Golden Jubilee. Three weeks ago I was stricken with a bladder disorder but feeling better, with good care & treatment. Remember me to all my old friends. God bless you Father & remember me in your daily offerings.

Gratefully

(by J.C.) Fr. A.J. Hurley

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Albert J. Hurley  
August 2, 1966

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Dear Father Scollard:-

Received your kind letter of June 13th which I enjoyed very much, hearing about my old friends & the Golden Jubilee of Fathers Coughlin & McCorkell. Sorry His Eminence Cardinal Cushing was unable to attend due to illness at that time.

No doubt Fr. Coughlin will always keep busy even in retirement. Remember me to Fathers Lowrey & McCorkell & McDonald & thank them for their kind thoughts of me, also to Father Oliver.

I have not been so well since Easter Monday when I became ill with bladder trouble. But at age 92 and my approaching 67th ordination anniversary on August 24th, I cannot expect perfect health. I thank Our dear Lord for all His blessings bestowed on me.

Extending my blessings & prayers to you & all my dear old friends who never forget me in their daily offerings.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Rev. A.J. Hurley (by JC)

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Miss Josephine Cody  
August 2, 1966

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Dear Father Scollard:-

Just writing an extra note to explain Father Hurley's condition when I made my weekly visit Friday last week. He wasn't sitting up as I usually find him, had been very sick then four days & feeding him intravenously. His mind is still very clear & he knew me. His speech hasn't improved any, so we have a hard time to understand him.

I talked to his Doctor before I left. I told him it was important I should know facts, to keep his relatives informed. Well I was amazed when he told me he had pneumonia. However, he said I will check him again now. He said his chest has cleared up & he is much better. I asked was he in critical condition? He said, No. So I was relieved. I called the Hospital yesterday (Monday) & the nurses said he was up again & seemed better.

Father is unable to walk now, has to use wheel chair. More feeble the last two months.

Thank you dear Father & all his brother priests for their prayers & Masses, which I am sure have made his miraculous recoveries.





Miss Josephine Cody  
August 2, 1966

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God bless you Father,

Sincerely

(Miss) Josephine Cody

Father's former Housekeeper.

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general archives of the Basilian  
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Albert J. Hurley  
October 4, 1966

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Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for your kind remembrance on my 67th ordination anniversary, August 24th. I had a nice celebration with visits from chaplain, sisters & nurses, greetings from relatives. Also telegram of congratulations, blessings & continued prayers from His Eminence J.F. Cardinal McIntyre.

I am not so active since July & slowly recovering from the pneumonia which occurred at that time. I am unable to walk much. I sit in the wheel chair and get a ride around outdoors daily, about two hours, rest of time confined to bed. My speech is not very clear since the stroke.

I enjoyed your interesting letter with news about Convention in Rochester, also hearing about all my old friends & humorous remark from Fr. McCorkell to Fr. Muckle about his straw hat.

Glad to hear Fr. J. Spratt had a nice vacation in Ireland <sic was in Killarney, Ontario> & Mrs. Robinson, whom I do remember, recognized him.

I remember all the priests you mentioned. Thank God I am still blessed



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October 4, 1966

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with a good memory.

Hope Fathers Donovan & Bondy are  
regaining their health.

I am sure you enjoyed meeting old  
friends at the Convention.

My blessings & prayers to you &  
all my old friends.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. A.J. Hurley.

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Albert J. Hurley  
December 6, 1966

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Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you so much for your very interesting letter about all my old friends; also for Basilian Annals. My eyes are about the same as Johnny Sullivan's. I cannot read any more. Josephine reads all my mail to me when she visits me every Friday, also answers my mail. I had two cataract operations about 10 yrs. ago which saved me from total blindness & was using a Mass Missal with extra large print before I became ill. I am confined to bed most of the time, outside of one or two hours daily in a wheel chair. My speech is not very clear since the stroke about Dece. 29-1964, so unable to converse like I used to. However at 92 years I cannot expect too much, so I thank God for the miraculous recoveries I have made so far, also for the numerous Masses & prayers offered up by my old friends and relatives.

I hope you are keeping well yourself. My prayers & blessings to you & all my old friends & priests you mentioned in your letter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,





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Miss Josephine Cody  
December 7, 1966

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Rev. Robt. J. Scollard, C.S.B.

Dear Father:-

I feel very sad as I write you this letter.

Mother Margarita Maria telephoned me at 9 p.m. to tell me our dear old (Padre) Father Hurley died at 8 p.m. tonite.

I visited him every Friday & mailed you a letter this morning, in answer to your last letter which he enjoyed so much.

I met Father in 1939 when I kept house for him in Seal Beach, so he was like my own brother. He was nearly 12 years in Duarte & I visited him every week & did little chores & kept his relatives informed about his health, etc. I just telephoned his nephew Richard Coughlan in Seattle. He will notify his sister, Mother Fidelma in Toronto. God bless him. He had a long, holy life, 92 years last March 29th.

Father, I will write you details after the Funeral. I know you will offer Masses for him & please tell all his dear priests & friends.



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God bless you Father. You were a dear friend of his.

Sincerely

(Miss) Josephine Cody

1243 S. McDonnell Ave.  
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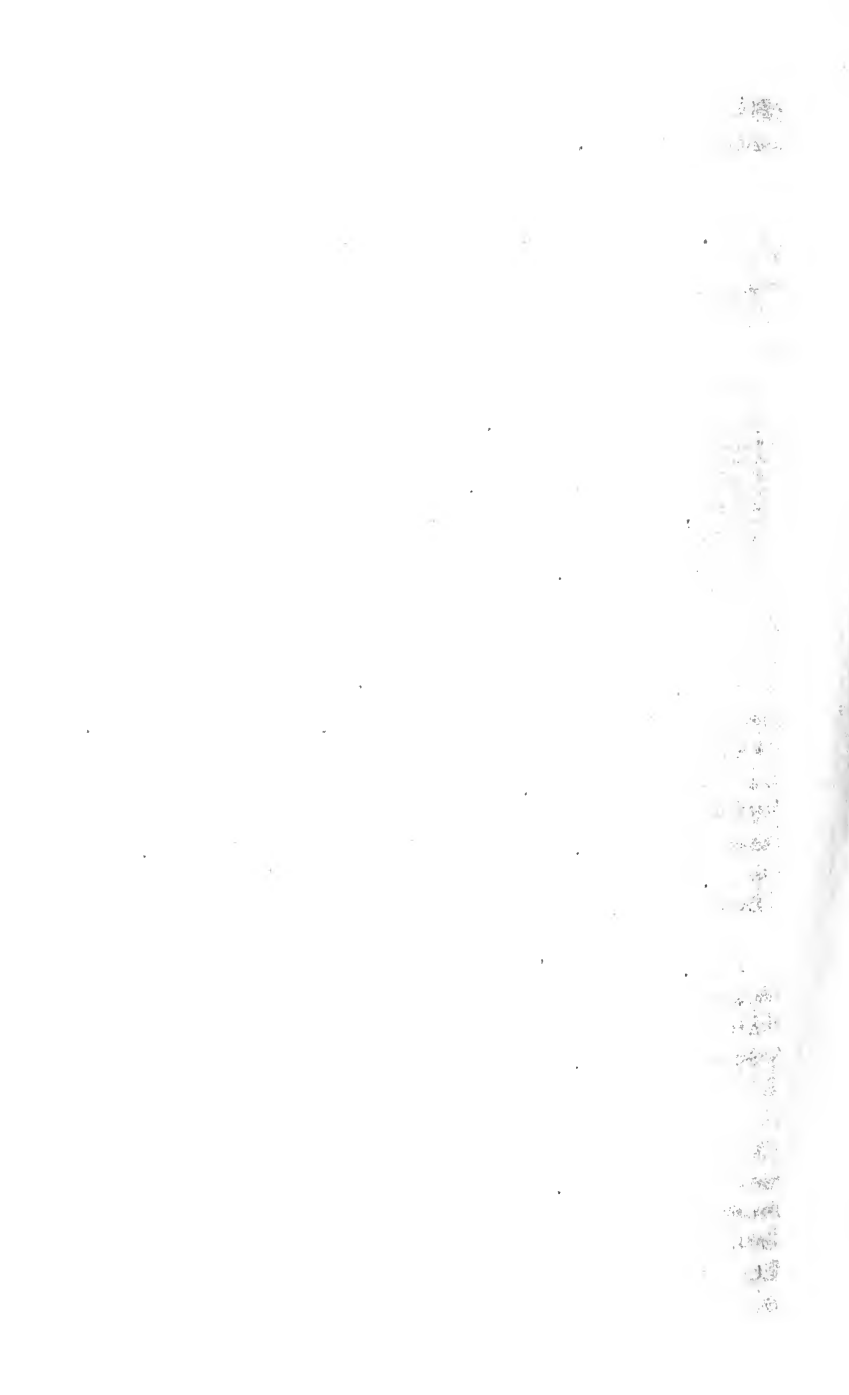
Dear Father:-

First I must apologize for not answering your lovely letters of consolation sooner, also Christmas greetings and Father Hurley's history which is perfect. Yes, if he disliked anybody, they knew it, but he had a big heart & went to their rescue if they needed help.

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I attended Father's Rosary but couldn't make the 10 a.m. Mass by bus. The lady who drove me to Rosary had to work next day, but the Sisters told me Bishop Manning & quite a few priests were there. But I was disappointed, too, that the Cardinal wasn't at the Cemetery. He was very nice to Father & visited him a short time before he died. I don't think Cardinal McIntyre is too well & before Xmas he was in the hospital for a retina (eye operation).

I can walk to Calvary Cemetery in 1/2 hour so I can visit him spiritually often there. The priests' plot is next to the 14th Station & they have the outdoor stations every Sunday in Lent & in November.





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I was surprised you didn't know Fr. Hurley, but you were too young to remember. He had a brilliant memory & must have remembered you as he told me be sure & answer your letters.

Miss Mary Smith was a faithful worker (God bless her). I don't recall Father mentionning her visit. I am sure glad Mr. Massales feels kindly towards Father even though they weren't too friendly. I met Fr. McCorkell when he visited Father in Seal Beach. That is where I met Fr. Hurley in 1939. The priest I was taking care of there was being transferred, so Fr. Hurley asked me if I would take care of him. I also took care of him at the Little Sisters of the Poor. Yes Father, I made those trips to Duarte, rain or shine. God has blessed me with good health most of the time. Mother Fidelma wrote me, "Now your long treks are over".

But now Father, I have more treks which started two weeks before Father died. My sister has been sick for 2 years. She is anemic. She became very ill, a few days before Thanksgiving. I had her anointed at once. (We live together). She is a widow. I had to call her daughter who lives above Sacramento. So she came down with her husband Thanksgiving Day. We were unable to take care of her at home. Dr. says she has cerebral thrombosis. So was

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confined to hospital one month, under Medicare which is a big help financially. Then we had to place her in a convalescent home. In her condition I couldn't take care of her at home, so I go to see her 3 times a week, about 20 min. ride on bus. She is confined to bed most of the time, but has improved since being here one month. So I am praying for another miracle. So this delayed me also, Father, in answering your interesting letters.

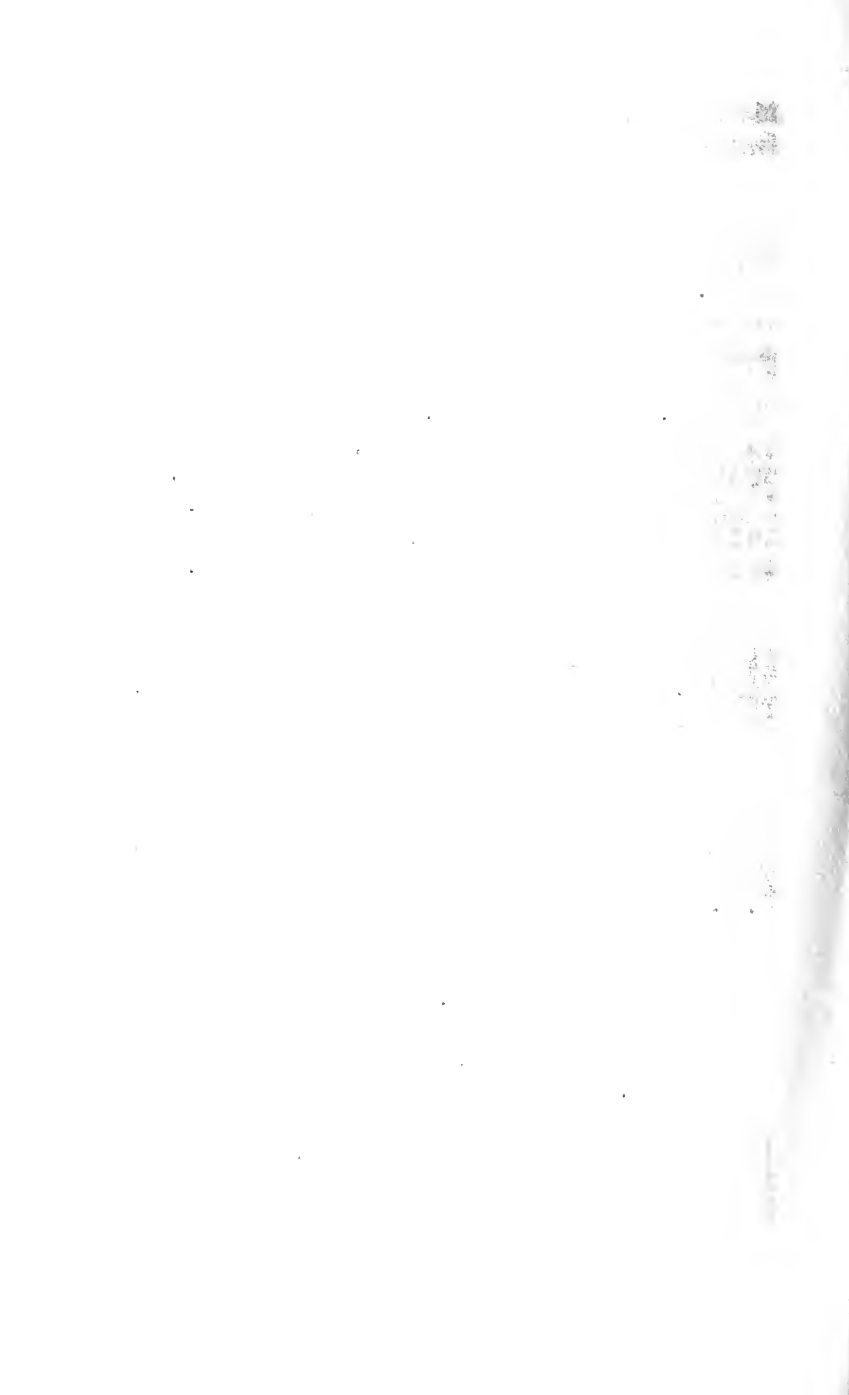
God bless you Father & thanks to all Fathers, priests, friends for their good wishes to me & your sincere sympathy.

Yours sincerely

Josephine Cody.

P.S. I forgot to tell a nice little sister on my visit to Duarte last week, told me wait a few minutes as I was leaving. She said she had a few memory cards in Convent & gave me five. So I am enclosing one.

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Mother Fidelma  
September 30, 1964

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Loretto College School  
387 Brunswick Avenue  
Toronto 4

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Uncle Albert sent this to me to give you. I am sure you have a copy in your archives. I think he wants to remind you he is still in the land of the living and might enjoy a few words from you. Saying Mass 8:30 every A.M. and goes for a walk every day. 90 last April and celebrated 65th anniversary of ordination in June. He speaks of you often when he writes.

M. Fidelma, I.B.V.M.

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Mother M. Francis Clare  
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Loretto Abbey  
Mason Boulevard  
Toronto 12, Canada  
June 1, 1965

Reverend and dear Father Scollard,

In a message that I received from Mother Bidelma, niece of Reverend Albert Hurley, who is now in California, she asked that I tell you that her uncle has suffered a second stroke and that he wishes you to know about it.

Father Hurley is unable to speak but he is amazingly alert.

I telephoned this message on Monday but, as you were at a meeting, I was unable to speak with you.

I knew Father Hurley many years ago when he was at St. Basil's and have kept up with him from time to time. I know you will pray for him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mother M. Francis Clare, IBVM

Father Hurley's address: Santa Teresita Hospital, 1210 Royal Oaks Drive, Duarte.

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John M. Bennett  
October 17, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard;

Are you still in the archive business? Or is there some other Basilian doing it?

I have a framed picture of 2nd Arts (13 of us) with Father Carr sitting in front. (Miller, O'Connor, Kirby, Bench, Sheridan, McReavy, Riordan, Bill Murray all who became priests. Also Pete Maloney & I) Is it any value to you? If not O.K.

Also I came across:

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(all your Basilians of long ago)

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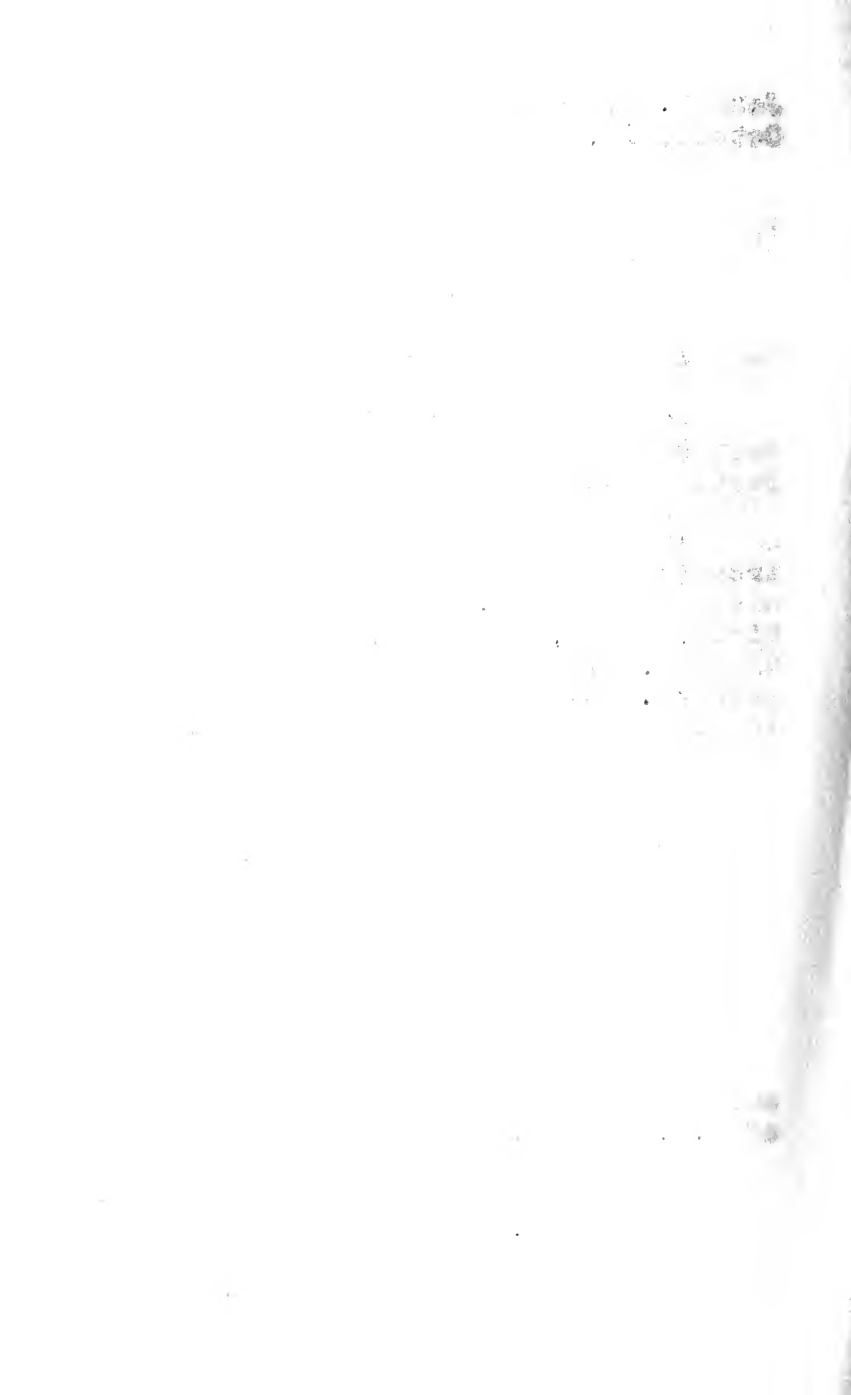
(my graduation year)

In this 1912 one there is a statement that we were the 3rd class of B.A. people.

Just let me know & where you are.

Thanks

John M. Bennett



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October 17, 1965

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P.S. I inspected all 12 schools of Bishop O'Grady from Prince Rupert across 1000 miles of Northern BC to Dawson Creek & Fort St. John all last month of May & again Aug 26 to Sept 7 for their convention. He has no money, no sch. grants or Taxes.

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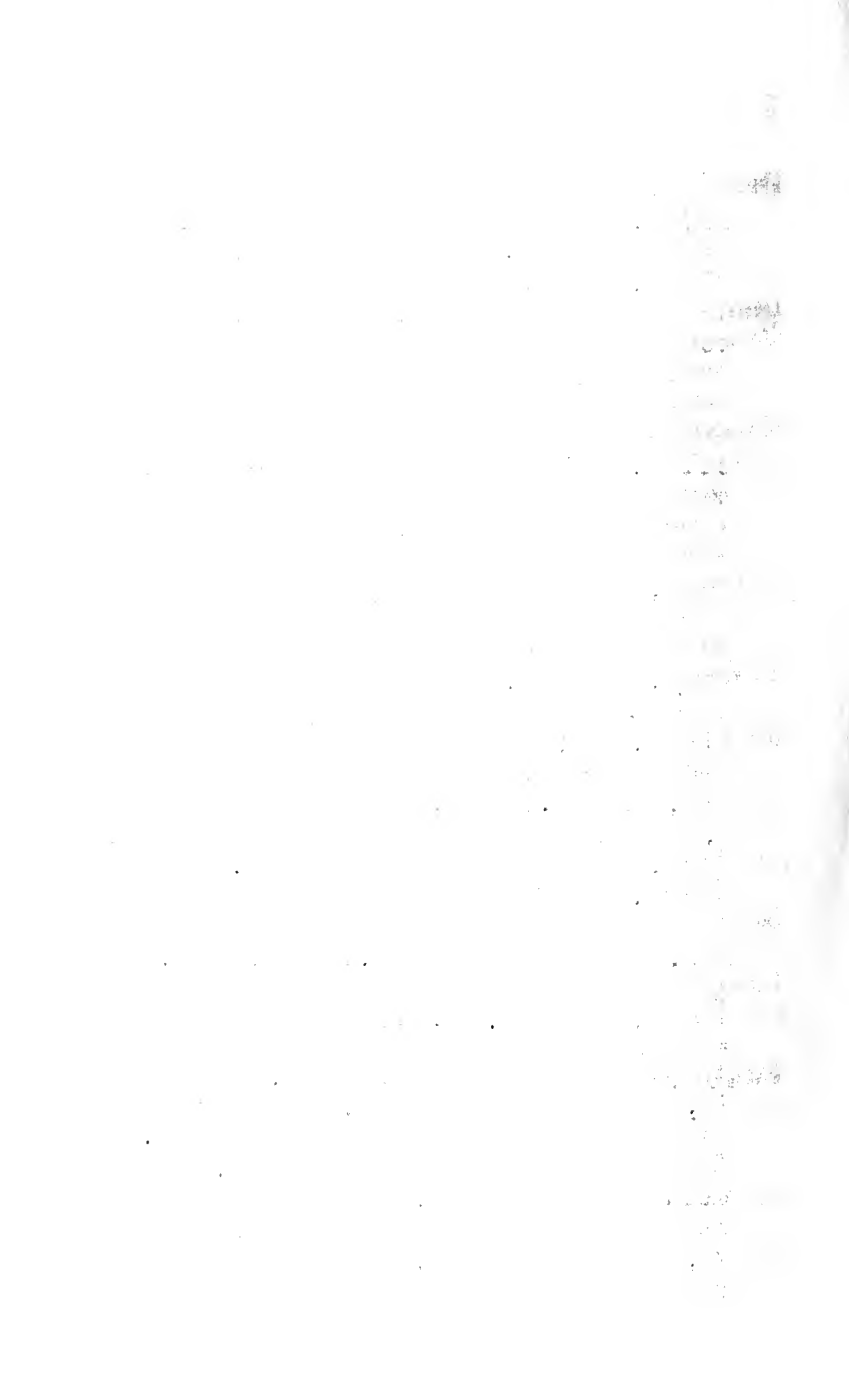


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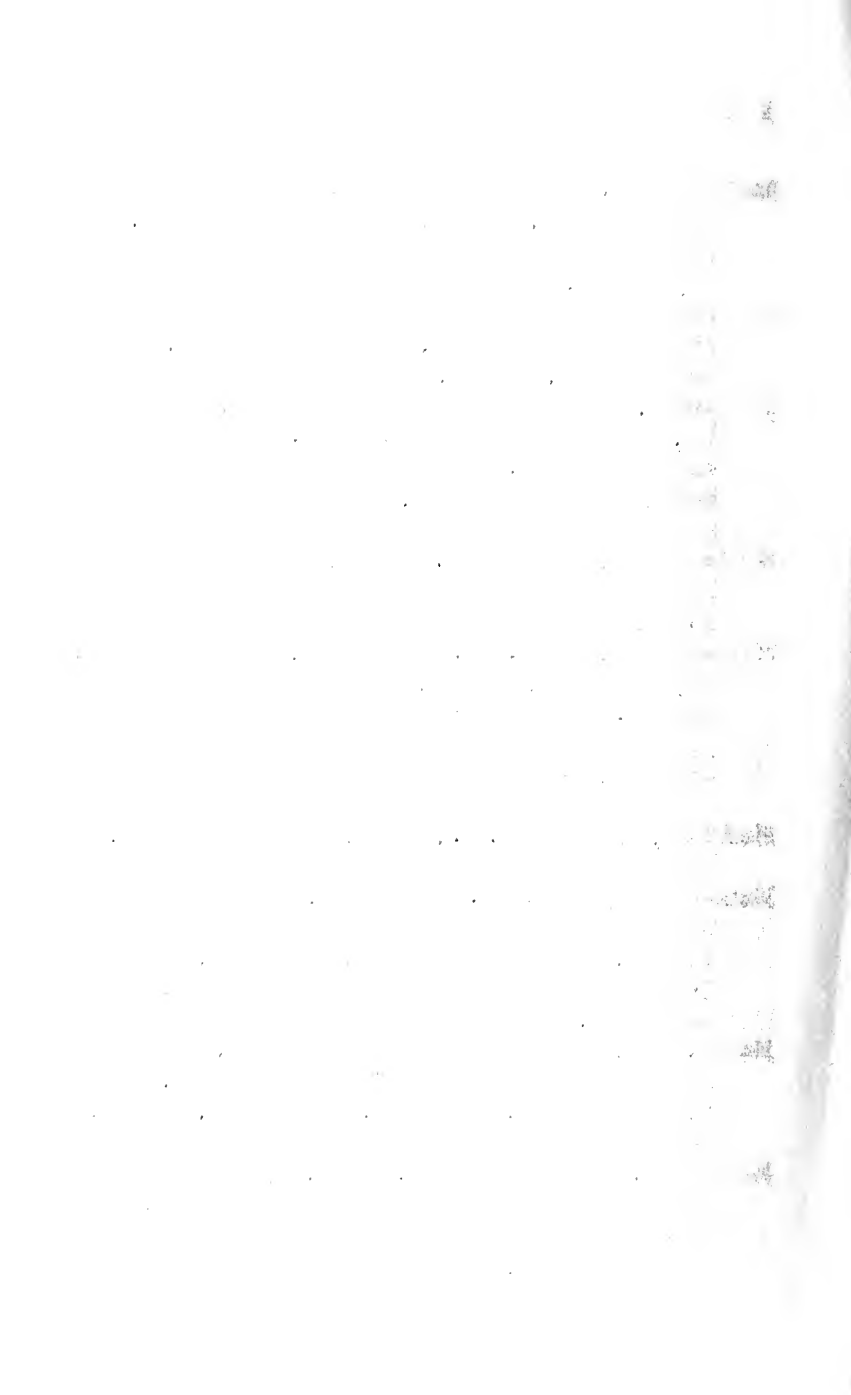




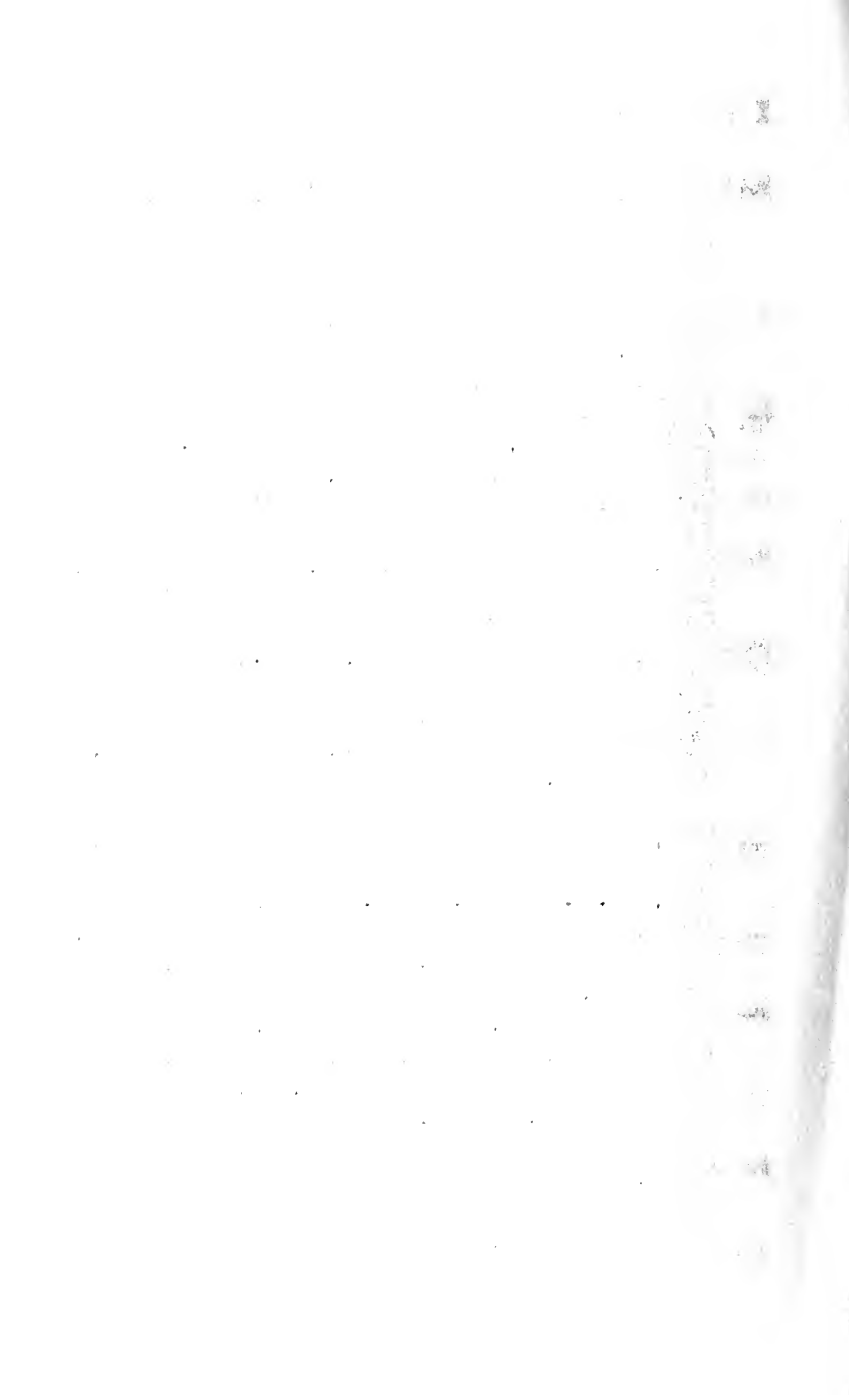
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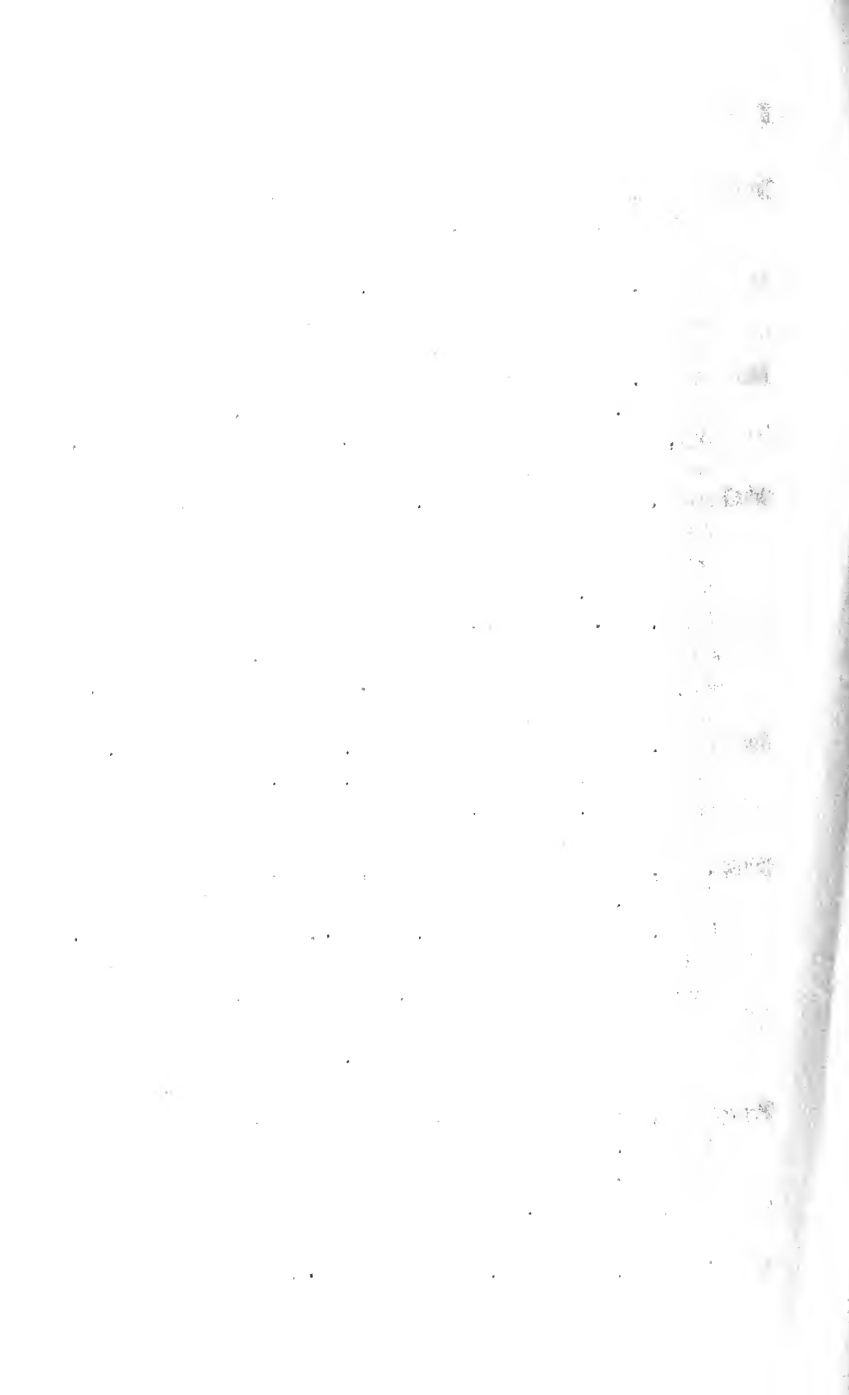
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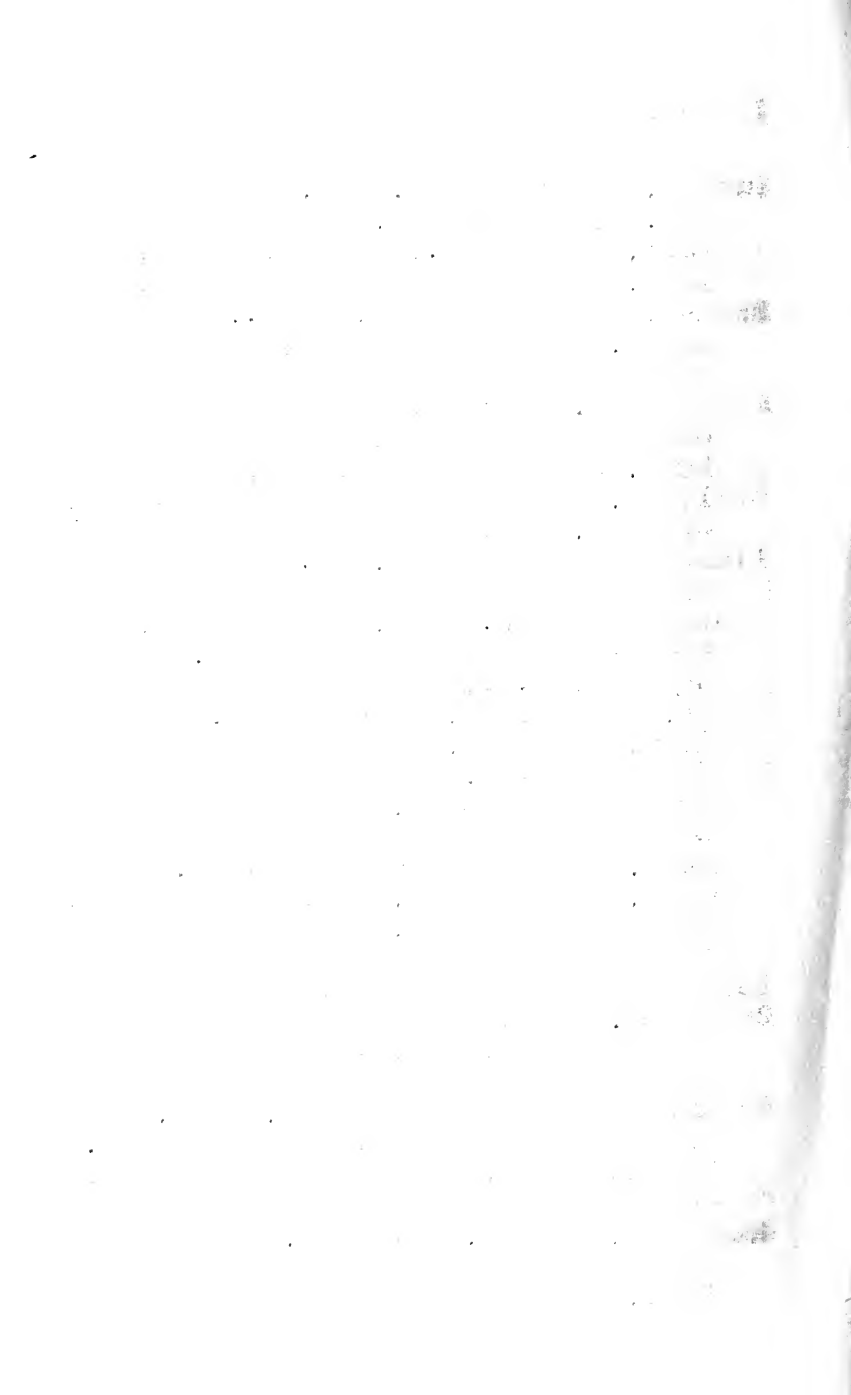
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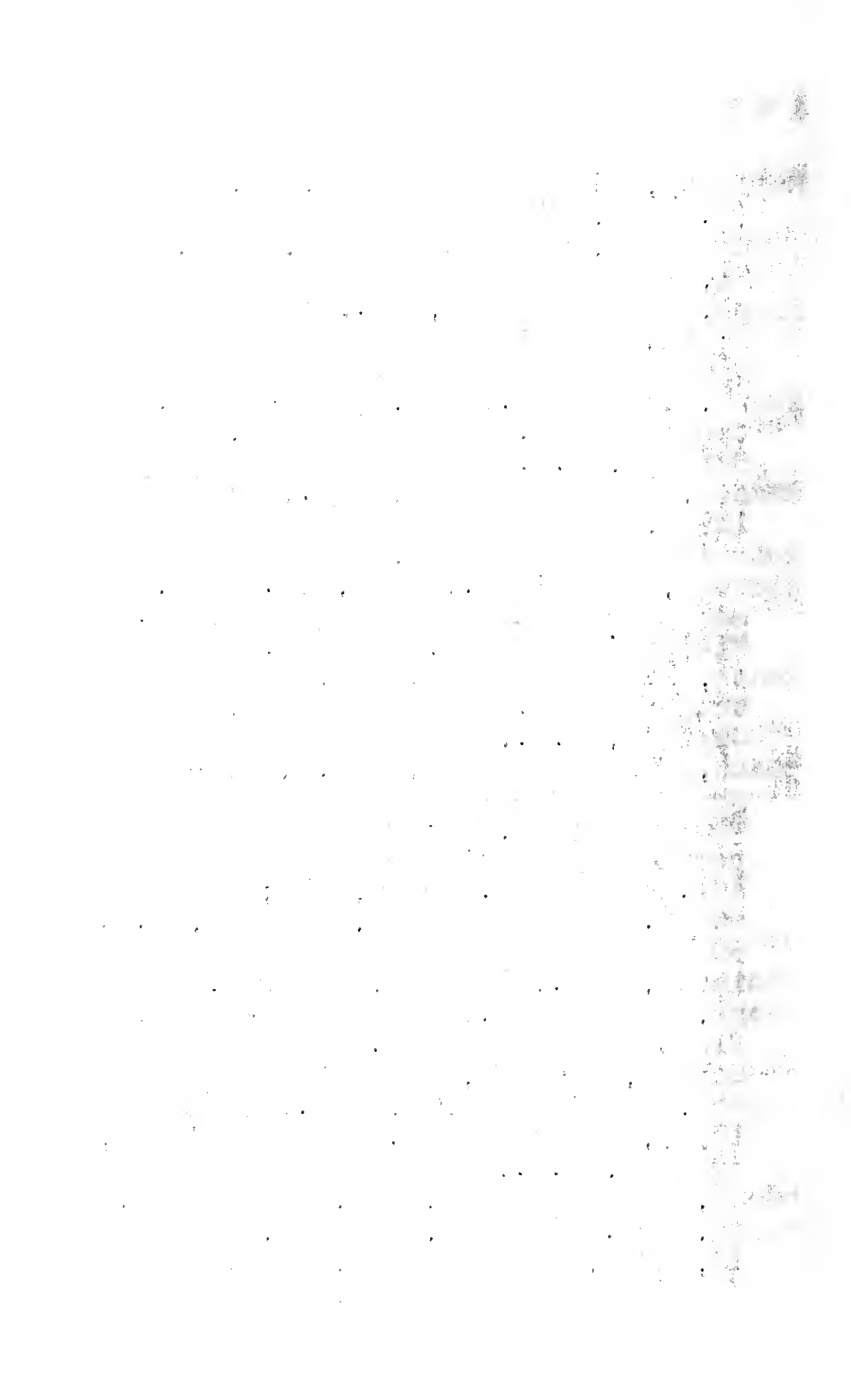
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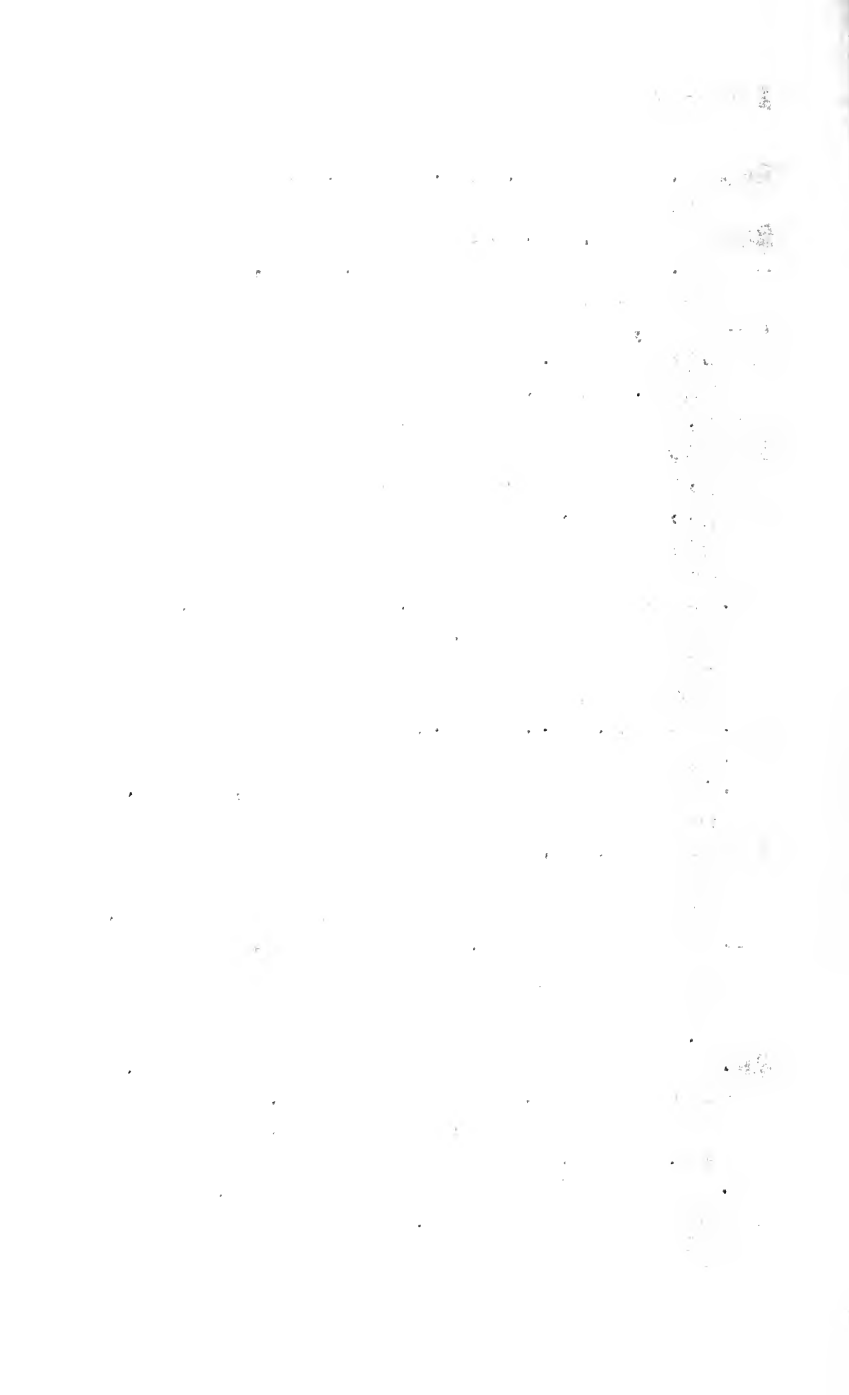


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